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Inos-Torres a sure winner



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Surrounded by jubilant supporters and family members, Gov. Eloy S. Inos and his running mate, Senate President Ralph DLG. Torres, address the crowd at the NMI Republican Party campaign headquarters at Springs Plaza in Gualo Rai late Friday night after numbers from the runoff election showed that they've amassed an insurmountable lead against the independent tandem of former speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider and former Senate floor leader Ray N. Yumul.

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With their victory in the Nov. 21 runoff election for governor all but guaranteed, Gov. Eloy S. Inos and his running mate,

Senate President Ralph DLG. Torres (R-Saipan), said they would now train their sights in tackling the Commonwealth's No. 1 problem: high utility rates.

The governor said he would call for a meeting with the Commonwealth Utilities

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"Our first and most important thing to address is our high utility rates. We need to do

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With a commanding 1,599 lead, the "Solutions-Driven" tandem of Republican standard-bearer Gov. Eloy S. Inos- Ralph DLG Torres is a sure winner over the independent Heinz Hofschneider-Ray N. Yumul team during Friday's gubernatorial runoff race, based on the unofficial results of the Commonwealth Election Commission. See **INOS-TORRES** on **Page 4**

Heinz optimistic and gracious

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Independent gubernatorial candidate Heinz Hofschneider remained gracious and thankful to his supporters despite

the commanding lead taken by opponents Gov. Eloy Inos and Ralph Torres last Friday night at his camp headquarters in Chalan Kanoa.

"If the people decides that's

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37 homes collapse, dozens are injured in Japan quake

TOKYO (AP)—Helicopter surveys on Sunday showed more extensive damage than earlier thought from an overnight earthquake in the mountainous central Japan area that hosted

the 1998 Winter Olympics.

At least 37 homes were destroyed in two villages, and 39 people were injured across the region, including seven serious-

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This aerial photo shows houses collapsed after a strong earthquake hit Hakuba, Nagano prefecture, central Japan, Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014.

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Counting of votes done in record 4 hours, 7 minutes

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Commonwealth Election Com-

mission board chair Frances M. Sablan was happy to announce that they completed the counting of votes for the runoff election

in a record four hours and seven minutes at Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe on Friday night.

In an interview, Sablan said

the last general elections in which they processed the special election for a Saipan Senate seat gave them a firsthand experi-

ence on how to go about executing the process and find ways to make it smoother and faster.

What they did, Sablan said, was they started early and they didn't have

too many absentee ballots to process because they received only 300-some. Votes cast in the runoff race were counted manually instead of using a machine.

"Because we didn't have to process so many of the absentees to delay us, plus we started earlier, so we [finished the tabulation in] a record of four hours and seven minutes," said the beaming CEC board chair.

» Lower turnout in runoff than in general elections

CEC executive director Robert Guerrero announced the last unofficial results of the counting of ballots at about 11:20pm.

The 2009 runoff race took longer because they ran past midnight, Sablan said.

She also noted a lower turnout in the runoff race compared to the Nov. 4 general elections.

A total of 11,495 voted for in runoff. The number excludes about 2,000-plus absentee votes. In the last general elections, a total of 13,798 votes were cast, for a 76.72 percent turnout.

Questions remain for Heinz's manhood

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Youth supporters of the Heinz Hofschneider-Ray Yumul gubernatorial team were disappointed with Friday's runoff election results. Some felt a question mark now hangs over their future.

Yet despite the results, JP Indalecio said he remains a "proud supporter" of Hofschneider and Yumul. "We voted right," he said.

Xavier Borja, returning from college in Guam, and Marie Camacho, from college in the U.S. mainland, said they are both unsure of "what the future will hold" for young adults like them.

Camacho wonders how the winning GOP team would treat the youth that supported Hofschneider.

"We didn't support them. But what is [Inos] going to do get our support and earn our trust?"

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Bodies of murdered farmers taken to Guam for cremation

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Families, friends, and members of the Chinese community paid their last respects on Friday afternoon to two murdered farmers, whose bodies were sent to Guam for cremation.

From the Commonwealth Health Center's morgue, a 25-vehicular convoy followed the two hearses that carried the bodies of Hai Ren Li and his brother-in-law Cheng You Li to the Saipan International Airport.

Before the bodies were taken into an airline's compound, the wives and children of the victims as well as relatives and friends were allowed to offer prayers for a few minutes.

A hearse's driver opened the left passenger side door of the two funeral cars one at a time. The crying wives of the victims and the two children of Cheng You Li and other relatives knelt before the door and said their prayers.

Other members of the Chinese community, many of whom were also in tears, stood behind and beside the families.

The two children of Hai Ren Li were not there as they have already returned to China after seeing the bodies at CHC last week.

According to businessman James Han, who guided the victims' families for the rites at the airport, the families prayed for justice, urged the victims to rest in peace, and promised to help them obtain justice. He said they families also prayed that the police and the FBI will solve the case.

» Families, Chinese community members pay last respects to victims

Han said family members were also cursing the killer or killers.

The businessman said

that family members requested that they be given temporary permits to be allowed to go to Guam for the cremation, but U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services denied it.

The families are planning to bring the victims' ashes to China. Members of the Chinese community chipped in to help with the cost of cremating the bodies.

The victims' wives and children flew to Saipan on Nov. 8.

According to the autopsy, Cheng You Li's cause of death was due to multiple lacerations and wounds inflicted primarily on his neck. Hai Ren Li's cause of death was from a skull fracture due to blunt force trauma.

The victims were last seen in the afternoon of Oct. 31 when they left their respective houses in As Lito and San Antonio to work at their farm in As Gonno between 12pm and 2:30pm.

On Nov. 1, part of a large group of Chinese community members that helped in the search found Hai Ren Li's Toyota Tacoma that was abandoned under some *tangan-tangan* trees a few feet from the side of Magisa Drive in As Gonno.

The following day, Nov. 2,

searchers found the victims' bodies at the old airport runway in Koblerville.

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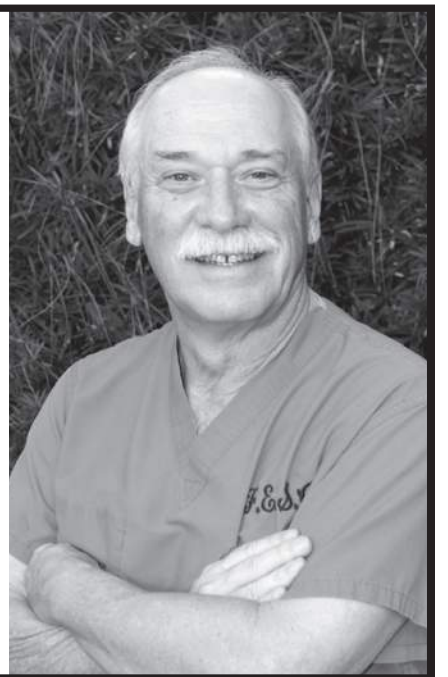
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the way it is... then we have to be strong and accept their will,” he said in an interview more than two-thirds through last Friday’s counting.

He pointed to the 2,000 absentee vote results that have yet to be counted.

“If we stay within a reasonable number to offset that from the off-island voters, then we still feel optimistic about our chance,” he said.

In the end, the Commonwealth Election Commission’s unofficial results showed that that Inos-Torres garnered a total of 6,547 votes, while Hofschneider-Ray Yumul got 4,948.

A large crowd gathered under tents set up around Heinz-Yumul headquarters. With results being broadcasted on live TV, most of the crowd stayed focused on the screen most of the night. Even children appeared caught up in anticipating the results, with a crowd of them sitting nearer the broadcast screens.

Cheers and yells shot through when Heinz won Pre-

cincts 3-A and 3-B.

When results were at 3,777-to-2,803 votes in favor of Inos, one supporter said to another, “We’re still gonna catch up.”

Hard rain fell on the camp halfway through counting. As Inos’ lead remained steady, the supporting crowd noticeably thinned but most remained.

Hofschneider called the crowd’s persistent support “extremely faithful” and “humbling.”

“I have a responsibility to take that in, and keep it in your heart forever because thousands of people believe in you, and you need to be always mindful of these people sticking it out, following us, and voting for us,” he said.

‘Content’

With the counting done, Hofschneider spoke to supporters, along with running mate Ray Yumul. The night ended with an unofficial 1,599-vote difference in favor of the Inos-Torres team.

Despite this, Hofschneider took the chance to “rally the troops,” be thankful, and look forward to the next four years.

“I am so proud that we have awakened our people. Unfor-

tunately, there are a few more people in our community that do not want to change,” he told the crowd.

He said he was proud of picking Yumul as his running mate. He said they would both keep their supporters in their hearts.

The two are “indebted forever,” he said, to the work that people from the committee to elect to their volunteers put in every single day.

“This is politics and the will of the people. Even though we disagree with that will, and even if we do not like it or want to accept the will of the people... I want to tell you my heart is content,” he said. He asked his supporters to “stick together.”

“We all should pray that the next four years that there is truly change in our lives and we can breath easier and we can look at our kids and not worry about what is waiting for them in their lives,” he said.

He continued to address the crowd in Chamorro. Rain fell again but supporters gathered around the candidates despite the downpour to embrace each other and cheer.

In a later interview, commit-

tee-to-elect Hofschneider and Yumul chair David Attao acknowledged that the GOP tandem has accumulated a seemingly insurmountable lead in the runoff.

“I’m not saying we’re conceding. It has to come from Heinz and Ray. We accept what’s going on. We thank our supporters and we see the margin is a wide gap. We worked hard and we tried hard. We see we’re not in the top. The numbers speak for themselves. We’re very thankful and appreciate that we both ran hard and tough campaigns.”

Despite their imminent loss in the runoff election, Attao said Hofschneider and Yumul’s supporters are willing to work with Inos and Torres to help the CNMI forge ahead.

“We want to continue to work hard for the CNMI and see the brightness of the future. We wish the winning camp will have a better vision for the next four years for all of us. We hope that Inos and Torres camp does the right thing for all of us and that’s what we’ve been pushing. Definitely we’re willing to work with the governor-elect and lieutenant governor-elect.”

(With Mark Rabago)

Guerrero said the first announcement of results came at 9:30pm because they counted first the biggest bloc—early voting on Saipan—that alone had over 4,000 votes.

“The commission wants to get the big precincts out of the way and get results of the votes as quick as possible,” he said.

Police Sgt. Anthony Macaranas said the runoff election was peaceful and orderly as people complied with the officers’ instructions not to be out on the highways.

Macaranas said most of the complaints were about waving that got out of hand so they sent officers there to control it.

Polling places opened at 7am and closed at 7pm. Many people voted by the opening hours, and between 4pm to 6pm.

At 8:50am, there was no line at Dandan School polling place.

Former House speaker Oscar C. Rasa and his wife were among the early morning voters at Dandan Middle School.

Like many voters, Rasa also opposed having a runoff election. “I prefer a simple majority,” said Rasa, adding that runoff is a burden not only to the government for incurring additional expenses, but also to the people.

Even Ralph Torres commented that this runoff is a burden to the people. He said he is concerned for the bedridden and elderly.

But Larry Cabrera, also an early voter at Dandan School, supports the runoff process. He said it costs the government “a little bit” but it is something that is necessary. Cabrera said a governor needs to have more than 50 percent support of the populace.

In the vicinity of all polling places on Saipan, Inos-Torres noticeably had more supporters waving to motorists and voters.

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something. I will be convening a meeting with the CUC board in the next week or two to get a heads up on what’s on the table right now,” he said Saturday at the NMI Republican Party headquarters.

“I’m really interested in finding out just where we stand on the integrated management plan and that’s the plan that would identify the different alternative energy applications and, most importantly, try and identify the kind of base load that we need here, which is something that should be cheap and reliable.”

The CNMI has one of the highest utility rates in the U.S. The high cost of diesel—coupled by \$20 million owed by the Public School System and the Commonwealth Health Center and millions more by others users and the lack of technical workers—has forced Inos and his predecessor, Benigno R. Fitial, to declare a continuous state of emergency at the utilities company.

Torres, for his part, said the administration will also try to fix the myriad problems besetting the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

“I’ll sit down with the governor and reassess the government and all the departments and pri-

oritize certain agencies like CUC and the hospital. Those are the two departments that we need to focus on as soon as possible. We need to reduce the utilities rates and address our healthcare concerns,” Torres said.

Humbled by victory

On the presumptive runoff win last Friday, Inos and Torres said they’re both humbled by the 1,599-vote margin their tandem has received so far, not counting absentee ballots, against the independent duo of former speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider and former Senate floor leader Ray N. Yumul.

“We’re overwhelmed by the results. I have to give it also to my opponent. I know they worked hard themselves, but for our supporters we’re really grateful for all the help Ralph and I received during the many months of hard work in the campaign,” said Inos.

“It hasn’t sunk in yet. Everybody’s happy and it was a lot of work. Seeing the people’s jubilant reaction last night shows that all the hard work has paid off. I’m just thankful for all the supporters and volunteers for what they did the last four months,” said Torres.

Both Inos and Torres also were magnanimous in victory.

“One of the key elements of my campaign is to stay clean

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As there are only about 2,000-plus absentee ballots still to be counted on Dec. 5, it is now statistically improbable for Hofschneider-Yumul to overtake Inos-Torres’ big lead. In the last Nov. 4 general elections, there were 2,280 absentee ballots and Inos-Torres easily defeated Hofschneider-Yumul, 1,186-649.

CEC’s unofficial results show that in the runoff race, Inos-Torres garnered a total of 6,547 votes, while Hofschneider-Yumul got 4,948—a 1,599 difference.

Inos-Torres won almost all precincts on Saipan and prevailed on Rota and Tinian, as well as on early voting and partial unofficial results of absentee voting. Hofschneider-Yumul only won in San Jose/Oleai, Garapan, and San Roque.

In the last general elections, Hofschneider won only in two precincts—San Roque and Tinian.

Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero announced the first unofficial results Friday for Election District 2 (Chalan Kanoa/Susupe areas) at 9:30pm at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

The result triggered rejoining in the camp of Inos-Torres and stunned Hofschneider-Yumul’s party as the former easily took a big 991 lead—3,195 to 2,204.

Inos-Torres got 235 votes from Chalan Kanoa/Susupe, while Hofschneider-Yumul obtained 201. Hofschneider-Yumul won in San Jose/Oleai by getting 173 votes, while Inos-Torres got 158.

Early voting on Saipan, however, gave Inos-Torres swing

votes of 2,802. Hofschneider-Yumul received only 1,830 votes.

Guerrero’s second announcement of results momentarily silenced the Inos-Torres camp as Hofschneider-Yumul obtained 599 votes while Inos-Torres got only 582—a 17-vote difference.

In San Antonio, Inos-Torres won, 193-149. But in Garapan, which was hotly contested in the last general elections, Hofschneider-Yumul prevailed, 450-389. In the general elections, Inos-Torres edged Hofschneider-Yumul by a mere 3 votes.

Inos-Torres, however, immediately bounced back when the results for San Vicente and Koblerville came out. Inos-Torres won both precincts, 471-402 in San Vicente and 269-196 in Koblerville. By this time, Inos-Torres’ lead breached the 1,000 mark, at 1,115 votes.

Inos-Torres’ further widened the lead when the tandem prevailed in Tanapag, 176-166, and in vote-rich Kagman, 473-423.

Inos-Torres’ lead ballooned to 1,333 after obtaining a total of 691 votes, while Hofschneider-Yumul got only 533 votes from San Roque, Capital Hill, Tinian, and Rota.

Hofschneider-Yumul easily won in San Roque, their known bailiwick, 200-122. But Inos-Torres prevailed in Capital Hill, 90-77, and got the Tinian votes, 195-179.

Rota, a known bailiwick of Inos, gave a sweep vote for Inos-Torres, 284-77.

The results for early voting on Tinian and Rota, votes from the Northern Islands, and absentee ballots sealed Inos-Torres’ sure victory when the team won all, 690-424.

For early voting on Tinian, Inos-Torres got 145, while Hofschneider-Yumul garnered 138. For early voting on Rota, Inos-Torres received 216, while

Hofschneider-Yumul got 165. For Northern Islands, Inos-Torres obtained 6 votes, while Hofschneider-Yumul got zero votes. For absentee ballots, Inos-Torres easily won, 323-121.

With the commanding 1,599 lead, Inos-Torres’ camp located next to X.O. Market on Middle Road began the celebration until early morning Saturday. Gov. Inos dropped by the camp for a few minutes as supporters were celebrating.

CEC executive director Guerrero announced that tabulation of absentee ballots will be on Dec. 5.

CEC was done with the tabulation and announcement of results at 11:20pm, which was faster than the last runoff election in 2009.

In an interview, Ralph Torres thanked their supporters and all the voters for exercising their right to vote.

“I would like to thank God, the Almighty, for giving us this opportunity to represent our people for the next four years,” said Torres, who was still with his brothers Joaquin and Victorino Torres and some relatives and friends at their camp past 1am Saturday.

Torres said the results were humbling but at the same time, they need to make sure that they “protect the people of the CNMI and generations to come.”

CEC executive director Guerrero said he and the staff feel good and relieved that the elections are almost over. He said they have been working the last month basically on a Monday-to-Monday schedule.

Guerrero said they won’t certify the unofficial results until the absentee ballots are all counted on Dec. 5.

CEC started sorting the ballots at 7:15pm, then started counting shortly after.

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ly, mostly with broken bones, officials said.

The magnitude-6.7 earthquake struck shortly after 10 p.m. (1300 GMT) Saturday west of Nagano city at a depth of 10 kilometers (6 miles), the Japan Meteorological Agency said. The agency revised the magnitude from a preliminary 6.8 while the U.S. Geological Survey measured it at 6.2. Since the quake occurred inland, there was no possibility of a tsunami.

Ryo Nishino, a restaurant owner in Hakuba, a ski resort village west of Nagano, told Japanese broadcaster NHK that he had “never experienced a quake that shook so hard. The sideways shaking was enormous.” He said he was in the restaurant’s wine cellar when

the quake struck, and that nothing broke there.

Japan’s Nuclear Regulation Authority said no abnormalities were reported at three nuclear power plants in the affected areas. All of Japan’s nuclear plants are offline following a magnitude-9.0 earthquake and massive tsunami in 2011 that sent three reactors at the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant into meltdown. Fukushima is about 250 kilometers (155 miles) northeast of where Saturday’s earthquake occurred.

The hardest-hit area appeared to be Hakuba, which hosted events in the 1998 games. At least 30 homes were destroyed, and 17 people injured, the Nagano prefecture government said. Another seven homes were lost in Otari, a nearby village to the north. Non-residential buildings were also destroyed, with officials still assessing the extent.

QUESTIONS

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she asked.

Borja wants other supporters to know that they should “face tomorrow with their chins up.” “Don’t be ashamed,” he added.

One supporter expressed regret that he did not register to vote because he was “busy with his job.” Now, he just asks that the Inos-Torres team “be a better role-model for youth.” He did not like some of the “politics” spun during the campaign.

Another supporter but non-voter, AJ, from Tanapag Middle School, said he joined to sup-

port the Heinz-Yumul team with his family and looks forward to voting in the next few years.

His friend, Masaki Kitami, 14, from Saipan International School, said he stopped by at the Heinz and Yumul headquarters to show support because he believed they would support his dad, Yoshihiro, who he said owns Mariana Resort and Spa.

Another Heinz manhoben, Elsa, a recent graduate from the University of Guam, said the trend of young unregistered voters was an issue during the campaign season. She said next time around they would definitely “push harder” to get eligible youth to register.

Atalig seeks early transition for Rota Mayor's Office

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Rota mayor-elect Efraim M. Atalig has taken it upon himself to begin the transition for the Rota Mayor's Office but the process has not been as smooth sailing as he'd like.

In a letter to Mayor Melchor Mendiola on Nov. 12, 2014, Atalig informed Mendiola that his transition committee is now in place and ready to do its job to make the transition between the two administrations as seamless as possible.

"I am asking for your understanding and full cooperation to inform all respective principal departments and other agencies within the mayor's office jurisdiction that the transition committees will be conducting its missions and tasks from Nov. 17 to Dec. 5, 2014," Atalig stated.

He added "With this in mind, I am requesting your favorable approval to give administrative leave for those government employees."

In an interview with Atalig on Thursday, he said they want to jumpstart the process so that everything will be in place when he actually takes over the position in January.

However, on Nov. 14, Mendiola informed Atalig in a letter that the mayor's office still has programs and activities that are ongoing.

"Therefore, for this administration to effect proper closures to those activities, we will not be able to provide an accurate picture of the status of those programs. ... Please schedule your transition team to begin working on Jan. 1 to 14, 2015," Mendiola stated.

Atalig responded to Mendiola

on Nov. 18, stating that doing the transition work from Jan. 1 to 14, 2015, provides his team just 10 working days prior to the inauguration.

"This does not give me enough time to review and digest such a report [from transition committee]. The committee's task will require more than 10 working days to complete. In addition, the inaugural event preparation and planning will also require time," Atalig said.

Atalig told *Saipan Tribune* that they want to do a good job and start transitioning now because that is what people expect

from the mayor's office as soon as he gets into office.

"I just want an orderly and efficient transition and I don't want to make a big deal of this and the people expect us to do things soon and we will just have to be calm and cool," Atalig said.

Rep. Teresita A. Santos (R-Rota) has prefiled a Rota Legislative Delegation resolution that urges Mendiola to cooperate and assist Atalig's transition team to ensure a smooth and orderly transition.

In her prefiled resolution, Santos said that Atalig seeks the assistance and cooperation of Mendiola in instructing all resident department heads to work

in collaboration with the transition committee.

"I did the resolution to provide a smooth and clean transition for the people of Rota and Atalig," Santos said.

There hasn't been any action on the resolution yet.

Mendiola, an independent, lost his re-election bid in the Nov. 4 general elections. Atalig ran under the NMI Republican Party.

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because this is only a temporary thing and now that we're over the hump, what I want to do—as I told my supporters last night—is when they wake up today, to open up their hearts and let's embrace everyone, including those who were not supportive of our cam-

paign, because as governor and lieutenant governor we all work for the people and the people is everybody in this community. Not just those who supported us. Not just Republicans, but also Democrats, independents, and everyone who want to live in this beautiful island. I want to keep it that way," said Inos.

The governor congratulated Hofschneider and Yumul for a

running a tough campaign and hopes that they could help his administration move the CNMI forward.

"I want to congratulate him too. I know that, although he didn't prevail, he tried hard and he tried to put his people together and I've seen they have good ideas and I want to be able to embrace those ideas. I want to work with him and his group

too because this is just one Commonwealth and that's the common interest that we have. We all want to have a good community. Solutions may be different but the objective is the same. I want to be able to reach out to them and I hope they reciprocate so that we all can work together. The political season is over. All the political rhetoric should be behind us.

We just need to look at practical ways to be able to help the people," he added.

Torres echoed Inos' message of unity to Hofschneider and Yumul as well as their supporters.

"The governor and I extend our arms to them and their supporters. We're one family and we want to ask them to come and contribute in the next four years. Give us some of your ideas."

As the runoff numbers poured in at the GOP headquarters at Springs Plaza in Gualo Rai shortly before midnight Friday, Inos and Torres addressed their throng of jubilant supporters.

It concluded a night of festivities with abundant food and a lot of dancing—all drowned out by GOP and Inos/Torres campaign tunes.

Local GOP president James Ada also congratulated the Republican supporters and had kind words for the losing independent camp.

"The people have spoken and I truly respect the mandate of the people since the last general election. My hat goes off for Heinz and Ray camp for taking part in this election process. I applaud the GOP offices, the committee-to-elect Inos/Torres, and all the members of the Republican Party and of course all the supporters out there who have been with us since February when I came in as president and the last 10 months we worked hard."

Committee-to-elect Inos and

Torres chair Greg Camacho said all along he knew that the GOP candidates would prevail.

"We expected to win from the very beginning. The endorsement from former governor Babauta and the Democrats helped, of course, but we were really prepared for the entire election."

As for the Hofschneider and Yumul camp, Camacho's message is this: "I would like to congratulate them too for being part of this great democracy and I hope they come join us."

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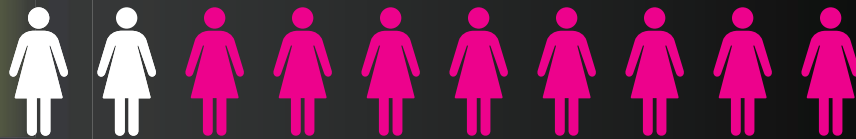
While the runoff election results is still unofficial as the Commonwealth Election Commission still has to count absentee ballots coming in as late as Dec. 5, GOP campaign manager Jason Osborne believes it is already mathematically impossible for Hofschneider/Yumul to catch up with the 1,599-vote lead of Inos/Torres.

"The absentee vote was our second biggest block in the general elections as we got 52 percent. Depending on how many ballots are able to come back—we understand some were returned due to insufficient postage—I think we're still going to maintain the 52 percent, which will bring us to the 60/40 percent margin I predicted. Assuming that everybody got their absentee ballots, Hofschneider/Yumul has to get 87 percent of that, which is mathematically impossible."

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What the *hiyok* is happening?

Division of Fish and Wildlife's Dr. Todd Miller described at the Asia Pacific Academy of Science conference last week how the CNMI tried to solve the Tinian and Saipan *hiyok* die-off mystery that happened this year.

He said they are still not sure what exactly caused the deaths of thousands of *hiyok*. But in toxicological analysis done by the U.S. Geological Survey's National Wildlife Health Center, stomach contents of the fish were blended and injected into rats, with fatal results.

These results became a "smoking gun," according to Miller, pointing at whatever the

hiyok was eating as the cause of mortality.

The muscle parts of the fish were blended and injected into rats but the rats turned out OK, Miller said.

Dissection histology tests were also performed on the fish. Miller said the *hiyok* that were found alive appeared "drunk" and "waddling around."

The tests, however, indicated no tissue damage, no parasites in the tissue, full stomachs, and no presence of parasites in the intestines.

He said the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal quality also did water sampling surveys

for bacteria and E. coli, for example, but that "nothing out of the ordinary" was found.

He said the die-offs were not due to a water quality issue. DFW also did "very large surveys" around Tinian where the die-off began, Miller said.

Upwards of 4,000 fish were found in one die-off event, he said.

There has been no indication that *hiyok* die-offs have occurred on Rota or Guam, according to Miller.

The die-offs began on Tinian and seemed to move northward, according to Miller.

The *hiyok* is one of the big-

gest contributors to the CNMI's fish markets, he said.

Will the die-offs happen again? Miller said DFW does not know, but if it does it will probably happen in the same window between July, August, and September.

"The important part is to be prepared for when that happens, that people know and call in so

we can quantify this and get the right samples to the lab," he said.

Miller's APASEEM presentation was titled "What the Hiyok is Happening? A report on the *hiyok* die-offs in the CNMI." Mike Tenorio, Sean Macduff, Trey Dunn, and Frank Villagamo were listed as those involved in the project. **(Dennis B. Chan)**

Agency seeks \$7.5M from pair for illegal Guam dump

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—The Guam Environmental Protection Agency wants a couple to pay \$7.5 million for an illegal dump on their property that caught fire and forced the evacuation of several families.

The agency is asking a court to order Joseph Taitano and his wife, Rosalind Castro, to pay for damage, cleanup costs and other penalties for a dump on their property in Yigo, *Pacific Daily News* reported.

A judgment for the court's consideration should be ready sometime this week, agency Administrator Eric Palacios said.

"We're looking at all assets," Palacios said of wanting to collect

as much money from the couple as possible to pay for the cleanup. It's important to clean up the site because waste could contaminate groundwater, he said.

The dump caught fire in 2010, and noxious fumes forced the evacuation of at least six families. Containing the fire cost the Guam government \$250,000.

Taitano said the waste on his property was dumped there by a local construction company with permission from the agency. The company dumped there without his knowledge for a decade because he was often away from the island, he said.

Taitano said he plans to fight the order.

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USS *Sampson* sailors act as role models for kids

TAMUNING, Guam—Sailors from USS *Sampson* spent time with young students during a community relations event at Tamuning Elementary School and Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary School.

"It is always good to have guests coming over to our schools, especially with the partnership that the schools have between the military and the public school systems," said Johansen Punongbayan, assistant principal, LBJ Elementary School and Tamuning Elementary School. "It's an opportunity for us to work with them and get to know what they do and what the kids do at the school site."

The sailors spent time helping students doing schoolwork as well as talking about their careers serving in the United States Navy.

"I think it's important for people to realize we are out here doing more than just floating around and looking for bad guys," said Fire Controlman 1st Class (SW) Eric Maier. "We enjoy coming to this community, we enjoy supporting the communities that support us."

Maier helped the students with their class assignments and answered any questions the children had about serving in the Navy.

"I just want them to enjoy the experience and understand that



Linno Roxcy, a teacher at Tamuning Elementary School, introduces Sailors from USS *Sampson* to her students during a community relations event.

we're people too, that we're just out there doing a job and we care about the job," he said. "We are doing it because we enjoy it and that this is part of reason why we are doing it, for those kids and for their future."

Jeni Ann Flores, a teacher at Tamuning Elementary School,

spoke about how her students enjoyed their time with the sailors and how they made a positive impact on the children during the visit.

"I think the world can always use a positive role model, especially our children," she said. "And a service member com-

ing here is a big impact on them because here is somebody who cared enough to come and visit and tell about his experiences and it widens the world for them."

Sampson is a guided-missile destroyer that is making a port call to the island while on an independent deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean. (Joint Region Marianas)



▲ CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Fire Controlman 1st Class Eric Maier helps solve a problem during math class at Tamuning Elementary School.



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Interior Communications Electrician 1st Class Timothy Lange speaks with a child during Chamorro class at the Tamuning Elementary School.



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Yeoman 3rd Class Jonathan Douglas listens to students' questions at Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary School.

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CUC solicits proposals for power supply resources

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has issued a request for proposal for new power supply resources such as fossil fuel or renewable energy projects for Saipan, according to CUC executive director Alan Fletcher. The RFP will run through Nov. 30.

Fletcher said that since

CUC is seeking projects that can be implemented within three to five years of the award of contract.

“CUC intends for the development of new resources to result in environmentally friendly power, lower fuel and operating costs, and ultimately greater reliability and long-term cost savings for customers,” he said.

CUC is seeking all econom-

ically and technically feasible power supply options, including traditional fossil-fueled resources as well as renewable energy project.

Flecher said that CUC shares the sense of responsibility to use environmentally responsible and cost-effective power supply resources to meet the energy needs of the community and in the future, yet it also faces

unique challenges when planning for its future energy needs.

“Current generation resources on CNMI’s three populated islands Saipan, Rota and Tinian, are aging and have limited useful service lives remaining,” he said.

The RFP is designed so that CUC gains full understanding of feasible options, operating characteristics and system im-

pacts, and costs.

The proposals will be evaluated by Leidos Engineering LLC.

Leidos was contracted by CUC to provide input and look at RFPs before awarding and recommending which one to approve.

The project is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs and the winning proposal will be decided early next year.

Delta adds flights to Denver, Boise, Sacramento, Ketchikan and Sitka

Delta Air Lines will launch daily nonstop service next spring from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport to five new destinations in the continued expansion of its West Coast hub. Tickets will be available for purchase Nov. 22.

Delta's new service will include:

■ Five daily flights to Denver, beginning June 4*

■ Four daily flights to Sacramento, Calif., beginning May 4* **

■ Four daily flights to Boise, Idaho, beginning May 4**

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Delta will serve the top 15 destinations in the Western U.S. with the addition of Boise, Denver and Sacramento, while Ketchikan and Sitka complete the top five destinations in Alaska. Delta will also increase its number of daily flights from Seattle to Anchorage, Alaska; Atlanta; Calgary, Alberta; Detroit; Los Angeles; San Francisco and Salt Lake City.

“Through the growth of our comprehensive route network, enhancements to our products and award-winning service, we have continued delivering on the commitment we made to be the global carrier this cosmopolitan city deserves,” said Mike Medeiros, Delta’s vice president – Seattle. “Our newest flights will ensure customers have more choice in their travels to the top destinations in the Western U.S. and Alaska with an experience that can only be offered by a global airline.”

On Dec. 20, Delta will begin service from Seattle to several sun and ski destinations, including Bozeman, Mont.**; Maui, Hawaii; Palm Springs, Calif.**; Phoenix**; Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; and Tucson, Ariz.*; as well as a second daily flight to Honolulu. Additionally, Delta commenced service to Calgary** and Spokane, Wash.* **, at the beginning of November.

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Delta currently operates 80 peak-day departures to 25 destinations from Seattle and will increase to 93 peak-day depar-

tures to 32 destinations in December. By next summer, Delta will offer 120 peak-day departures to 35 destinations.

The new routes will allow customers to seamlessly connect to Delta's 10 long-haul international flights from Seattle,

while providing compelling travel options to cities important to local customers. Earlier this year, Delta launched international service to London-Heathrow, as well as Seoul and Hong Kong and now provides more international long-haul

service from Seattle than all other airlines combined. This includes the top five destinations in Asia and three of the top four destinations in Europe. Delta is the only carrier to offer nonstop service from Seattle to Amsterdam, Hong Kong, Paris, Shanghai and Tokyo-Haneda. *(Delta Air Lines)*

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Executive action on immigrants will be welcome

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President Barack Obama is right to issue executive orders providing protection to millions of undocumented individuals.

First, the moral case for doing so is exceptionally strong.

This protection will not be granted to people who just jumped over the border fence. It will apply to people who have been in this country for years and years: They are our friends and neighbors, who have worked beside us and for us, and whose children go to school alongside ours.

These people are, in some real sense, no longer undocumented immigrants; they are undocumented Americans.

They do not deserve to live in constant fear that their lives will be uprooted and their families torn apart.

And second, the political case for protecting immigrants is also powerful, since Republicans in Congress time and time again have refused to take action on this issue.

This lack of action on the part of Congress has been disturbing and disappointing. It has forced millions of people to continue to live in fear and in the shadows.

Obama's own record on immigration has been spotty, at best. In fact, he has deported more immigrants than any president before him.

But he began to see the light two years ago when he granted protection to the "Dreamers," the children who came over here when they were very young.

Now he wants to expand on that, and conservatives are attacking him on two grounds.

They constantly cite the need to "secure the border" before they will consider enacting reforms to benefit those already here. But Congress has already poured billions into securing the border since 9/11, and those measures, along with the Secure Fence Act of 2006, have greatly reduced the number of people caught crossing into this country.

The other criticism that conservatives make is the charge that Obama is acting illegally. They are focusing on his past opinions about the feasibility and constitutionality of reform and his prior hesitancy to grant protection to millions of immigrants.

Rather than viewing this as sinister, a more generous explanation is that it shows he has an open mind and an open heart.

Those are good qualities to have in a president—and in any moral human being.

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Wellness Unto Life

We are unapologetically making a play on the Dane's reflection on *Sickness Unto Death*, a phrase that has since been used to characterize the conscious human condition. Søren Kierkegaard identifies sickness as "despair," defines its three forms as not being conscious of having a self, not willing to be oneself, but also despair at willing to be oneself. He connects the word "spirit" and ties it to the notion of "God": *A man's life is wasted when he lives on, so deceived by the joys of life or by its sorrows, that he never becomes decisively conscious of himself as spirit, as self, that is, he never is aware in the deepest sense that there is a God.*

I was with him on the first half, the reality of despair, but was left behind when he moved "self" as spirit toward God. Modern theologians talk of despair and its identification with human depravity, but nebulous when delving on "the other world in the midst of this world," a metaphor born in our age but easily subverted to a return to the medieval G-o-d up in the sky, or lurking behind every apparition of existence, embodied in Jesus as the Christ, leaving it as a convenient explanation of everything *deus ex machina*.

Mystic Teresa de Avila wrote:
*Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks with compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.*

While G-O-D disappears and the upward longing avoided, Christ remains a mystical redeemer and savior where the Jesus "self" is subsumed under the aegis of idolatry cum exalted role popular in mainstream Christian circles. The Carmelite's covenant of marriage to Jesus as the Christ, and the Jesuits to Mary, mother of God, spawns psychological perversions!

Rodney Rippel, a colleague with the Ecumenical Institute, took the categories of Nikos Kazantzakis' *Savior of God* and Hermann Hesse's *Journey to the East* imagery and wrote a self-reflection. In *Miles from Moberly: A Man's Journey to the 21st Century*, he rehearses both his external experience in space and time with the roles he played and the story he spun. It is unfinished. One hopes that if writing is cumbersome, orally recording incidences in the remaining years of his life is technologically available. His speaking is probably more down to earth than the syntactical requirements of writing anyway.

He touches on the paranormal in one (out of 50) chapter. In a poem, he asks god to get real, and sums up his Christian heritage: *"we do not require a Messiah" is God's Messianic Word—a final*

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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word, the Ultimate Word. To desire more than God provides is an illusion. That there is no savior is the Saving Word. The last two chapters are reserved for Jesus of Nazareth *sans* the Christ role and Mary of Magdala.

Rippel treats parental traits and history as definitive of the personae of offspring, not unlike the medieval penchant to explain things away on the unknown. In our time, we are no longer preoccupied with final causality to explain things. Narrative of the way life is suffices and sustains.

Rippel exemplifies what will be the literary form of the "selfie" age, with Georgie Bush's "love account" of his father close to the genre. I call these the "wellness unto life" accounts, to affirm the facticity of individuals with feet on the ground, neutral without the bias of *dejado* (at a disadvantage) at the gate, or in the garden of Eden. Rippel and I just are, our showed-up-ness our value, for which the decision to be grateful becomes its own virtue.

The classic lifetimes in Hinduism are four *Ashrama*: the student, the householder, the hermit, and the ascetic wanderer. Eighty as a very ripe age, the four lifetimes may be transposed into increments of 20 years. The first is of youth learning. Next is the adult establishing a household. The third is the hermit in self-consciousness to the minutest of details, and the fourth is the ascetic wanderer who empties himself unto the wholeness (holiness) of creation, a wellness unto life!

Shakespeare has seven ages in *As You Like it*, from infancy to incapacity bookended by helplessness. Mine has five phased existence of 17 years each, the first an age of innocence, the second a journey of adventure, the third the expenditures in service, and the fourth sharpening skills in a profession. I just entered my fifth, seven years of writing and 10 years of silence to the portals of completion and oblivion.

All five phases constitute a *Wellness Unto Life* journey, where birth is the supreme achievement and everything that follows a matter of choice. The question is not the validity of my phases, the feasibility of the Hindu scheme, or Shakespeare's laughter. What is the wellness unto life that your journey is about? Or are you still bemoaning your sickness unto death?

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Veto gives Obama edge on immigration

By DAVID ESPO
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WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama has the upper hand in the fierce struggle over immigration now taking shape, with a veto pen ready to kill any Republican move to reverse his executive order, Democrats united behind him and GOP congressional leaders desperate to squelch talk of a government shutdown or even impeachment.

With the public favoring changes in the current immigration system, the Republicans' best short-term response appears to be purely rhetorical: that the president is granting amnesty to millions, and exceeding his constitutional authority in the process. Beyond that, their hopes of reversing his policies appear to be either a years-long lawsuit or the 2016 presidential election.

Neither of those is likely to satisfy the tea party adherents in Congress—or the Republican presidential contenders vying for support among party activists who will play an outsized role in early primaries and caucuses just over a year away.

"We alone, I say it openly, we the Senate are waiting in our duty to stop this lawless administration and its unconstitutional amnesty," said one of them, Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas. In remarks on the Senate floor, according to his office, he was channeling Cicero, the ancient Roman orator.

In a portion of the oration that Cruz did not mention, Cicero referred to a Roman Senate decree calling for a conspirator against the Roman republic "to be put to death this instant."

More than 2,000 years later, impeachment in the House and a trial in the Senate stand as the sole established remedy against high crimes and misdemeanors by any president.

House Speaker John Boehner and Senate leader Mitch McConnell want none of that. Nor are they interested in provoking a government shutdown as a way to block spending needed to carry out Obama's order, viewing that as a poor way to embark on a new era of Republican control of Congress.

"We're considering a variety of options. But make no mistake. When the newly elected representatives of the people take



In this Nov. 21, 2014 file photo, President Barack Obama delivers remarks on his executive action on immigration at Del Sol High School in Las Vegas.

their seats, they will act," said McConnell, who will become majority leader when his party assumes control of the Senate in January.

Led by Boehner, House Republicans on Friday filed a lawsuit accusing Obama of abusing his authority in the implementation of the health care law. Officials say the immigration executive order could be added, but it is unclear how long a final judgment might take or who will be sitting in the Oval Office when it does.

In the interim, Democrats interrupted their squabbling over dispiriting midterm election losses. "The last two weeks haven't been great weeks for us," said New York Rep. Joe Crowley. "The president is about to change that."

The political debate is well underway, although the two parties seem to be appealing to different segments of the electorate. Polls show that the country as a whole and especially Hispanics favor allowing immigrants to remain in the country and work

even if here illegally. Conservatives tend to prefer deportation.

"The critics are going to call it amnesty," Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., predicted correctly on Thursday in advance of Obama's speech. "But as Sen. Rubio has reminded us, doing nothing—leaving the current system in place—is amnesty."

That was a reference to Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, a potential GOP presidential contender who was a leader in passing a bipartisan immigration bill that cleared the Senate, 68-32, in 2013. The measure included a pathway to citizenship for millions of immigrants living in the country illegally.

Obama's order didn't go that far. It calls for suspending the threat of deportation for millions, but without the promise of a green card that bestows permanent legal status, much less citizenship.

Republicans also argue that Obama is forfeiting any chance of being able to work with Congress to achieve immigration reform.

Democrats counter that it's been about 17 months since the Senate passed the bipartisan bill.

Since then, opponents in the House have pressured Boehner successfully not to allow it to come to a vote. They also extracted a promise from him not to allow compromise negotiations with the Senate on any other measure that might ease current restrictions on immigrants.

In the hours before Obama acted, Republicans forecast bad outcomes.

"This is ... a major boon to the cartels and other gangs who control Mexico's smuggling networks. And it will almost certainly lead to thousands of people who've committed crimes in this country gaining legal status," said Texas Sen. John Cornyn.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., envisioned a different outcome when asked if a future Republican president might reverse Obama's actions, potentially subjecting millions who step forward now to get work permits to being deported in the future.

"I wish that person luck," Reid said.

What does the US approach to college mean for our future?

By NATALIE HACKETT ABULHAWA
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

I am a senior in high school trying to figure out where and how I fit into the world as I look toward the next phase of my life. Applying to colleges has been a daunting and demoralizing start to this new chapter, and I can say with confidence that nearly all my friends feel the same way.

I had always thought college was a place that gathered kids from all backgrounds, abilities and economic circumstances and helped them begin or continue a journey of self-discovery and learning in an affirming environment. I naively thought that testing was meant to determine one's truest abilities so colleges could better help students develop and nurture successful paths.

But what I have come to learn is that universities seem more interested in enhancing their school profiles and bolstering their bottom lines. I have heard the term "risk-averse applied to admission committees, meaning they refuse to admit students who they think might not graduate. Rather than accommodate a wide range of personalities and skills, schools opt for the top students in their applicant pools. So those students go to the better schools—the ones with top professors, more funding, and greater access to economic and global opportunities. These students are often the ones who were smart enough, exceptional enough, or privileged enough to know and be more long before college, or even before high school.

The students who were not fortunate enough to be fully formed before the college application process go to what are considered the lower-tier schools. Colleges don't seem to want to consider that these young people might change as they mature or that they might excel if given the chance, even if they didn't start off in life with the advantages of some of their peers.

But students aren't being looked at as individuals. Many schools rely heavily on a system of testing that reduces complex human beings to numerical values ultimately meant to quantify their worth. Using myself as an example, my grades indicate that I'm barely average, yet my standardized test scores put me in the top 12 percent. The numbers are absurd. I'm a person, not a mathematical equation.

Focusing on such numbers means less attention is paid in the application process to determining whether a person has any sense of social or environmental responsibility. There is little to indicate whether an applicant is the kind of person who will one day build a personal financial empire by ripping off the pensions of his or her workers. There is no numeric scale to show whether someone has any comprehension of oppression and privilege, or how racism manifests itself. The process doesn't pay enough attention to finding out if the applicant would pull over to help a wounded animal or give up a train seat to someone who needs it more. I believe these traits are fundamental to a healthy society, but they seem to be ancillary considerations in the college application process.

Then there is the exorbitant cost. The application fees alone are staggering. Why does a university need \$70 per application? Why does the College Board charge me \$11.25 per school to send scores after I already paid \$79 to take the SAT (and repaid it again to retake and retake) and then charge \$16.25 per school to send my family's financial aid profile? This is all sent electronically. And that's all for the privilege of paying some schools nearly \$200,000 for a four-year degree.

The worst part of it all is that I feel helpless to do anything about it. There has been nothing in almost 12 years of schooling to empower me to try to change my surroundings. I never had a class on organizing or unionizing. Lobbying, writing letters to elected officials and marching in the streets are not regular features of school curricula. To the contrary, the most consistent lessons that have been hammered into my brain since middle school have to do with the ideas of hierarchy, obedience to authority, and all the punishment and labeling that comes from questioning authority and pushing the boundaries. It therefore does not surprise me that we all accept an education system that is more and more exclusive, stratified, and out of reach.

I look at places like Germany, where higher education is regarded as a human right, free to anyone who wants it. They seem to value their children and invest in their welfare in a way our society does not. What does the U.S. approach mean for our future?

Natalie Hackett Abulhawa is a Philadelphia-area high school senior who wrote this for The Philadelphia Inquirer.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

DOL website puts people at risk for ID theft

Recently I read that a couple of government websites in Guam had been hacked into. Hacking of websites, both private and government, is becoming a somewhat routine occurrence. Which brings me to the question of why the CNMI Department of Labor requires applicants to enter their Social Security number when submitting






a résumé on the JVA website? (https://marianaslabor.net/employee_reg.asp)

I would think that a simple question such as "Are you legally eligible to work in the United States without sponsorship" would be more appropriate to ask rather than put someone at risk for identity theft, even though the website states, "Your SSN will be encrypted and will only be displayed for authorized Department of Labor staff." If a Social Security number is necessary for some type of federal auditing compliance or other reason, it would be just as easy to ask for the information in person once a match between a JVA and a candidate is made.

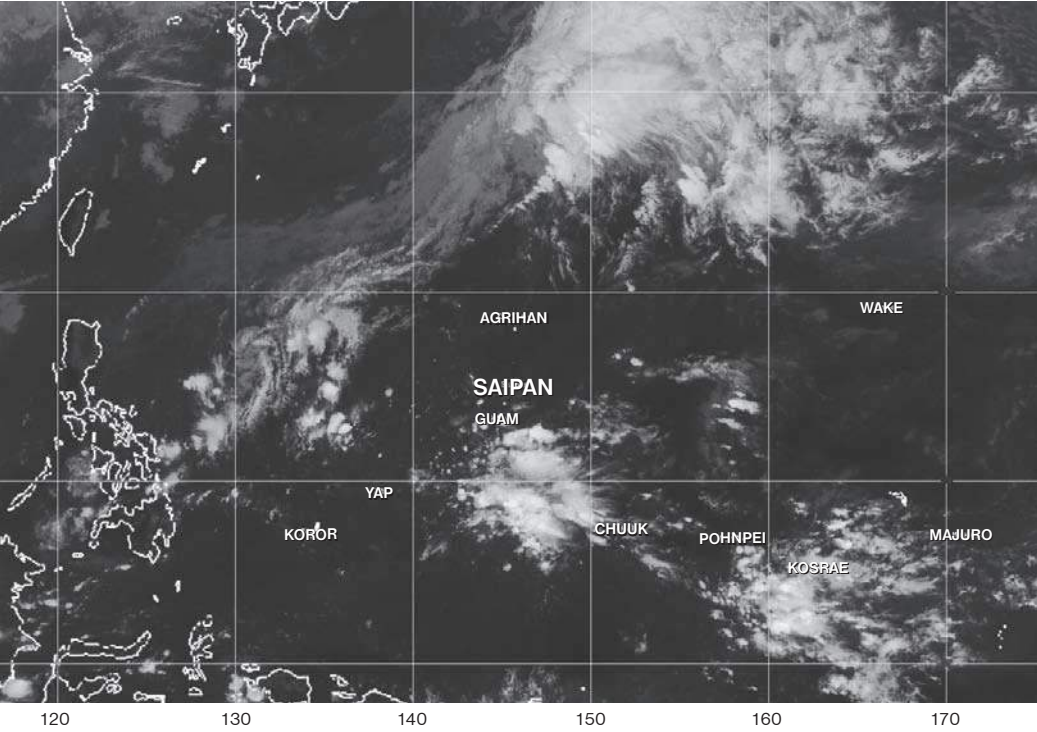
Terry Stevens
Henderson, Nevada

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A frontal boundary meanders westward from south of Midway through 21N180 to south of Minami Tori Shima at 21N156E then curves northwestward to a low pressure system centered northeast Iwo To Island at 29N148E then continues southwestward to beyond 130E at 12N. Extensive cloudiness with rain, scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found along and up to 400 miles north of this boundary. A trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms from south of Guam to west of Chuuk within 170 miles of a line from 12N144E to 7N150E. A near-equatorial trough extends east-northeastward from south of Kosrae at EQ161E through a circulation centered east of Butaritari near 3N177E to beyond 180 at 4N. Strong trade-wind convergence associated with these features is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Pohnpei over Kosrae and south of Kwajalein south of a line from 6N157E to 9N165E to 5N170E. Similar conditions are seen east of Majuro and Butaritari within 160 miles of a line from 3N174E to 6N180.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia		
Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼79
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼80
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼81

Around the Globe		
Auckland	Showers	▲68 ▼61
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲51 ▼26
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲76 ▼70
Honolulu	Sunny	▲83 ▼72
London	Showers	▲49 ▼47
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲74 ▼52
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲89 ▼75
Melbourne	Rain	▲75 ▼53
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲81 ▼74
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲54 ▼47
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲67 ▼57
Paris	Fog	▲56 ▼50
Pusan	Showers	▲63 ▼50
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲67 ▼49
Salem	Showers	▲53 ▼41
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲62 ▼50
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲58 ▼44
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	▲61 ▼52
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲58 ▼51



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Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
2:35 AM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.4 Feet
9:30 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
3:02 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
7:59 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:23 AM	5:44 PM
Tuesday	6:24 AM	5:44 PM
Wednesday	6:24 AM	5:44 PM
Thursday	6:25 AM	5:44 PM
Friday	6:25 AM	5:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	7:41 AM	7:25 PM
Tuesday	8:38 AM	8:23 PM
Wednesday	9:34 AM	9:22 PM
Thursday	10:27 AM	10:21 PM
Friday	11:18 AM	11:20 PM

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UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)			
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:20pm	7:05pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:20pm	7:10pm	Daily
7C 3401	4:30pm	8:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			
MU764A	1:30am	5:30am	4, 7
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:30am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:10am	11:15am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:40am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5069/PR111	2:45am	4:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:15am	7:20am	2, 7 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:15am	9:00am	3, 6 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	9:50pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5071/PR111	6:40am	4:50pm	3 via GUM
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UA5038/183	3:10pm	9:50pm	4 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:50pm	Daily via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/723	2:10am	12:50pm	1 via ICN
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OZ606/723	2:40am	12:50pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
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UA5068/179	8:00am	10:35pm	3 via GUM
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UA5039/179	2:20pm	10:35pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:10pm	10:35pm	1, 5 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:20pm	10:30pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
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UA5038	1:10pm	2:40pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4
PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ603	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily
7C 3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
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SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
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BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
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MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	4, 7
GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:55pm	3:10am+1	1, 5
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
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PR110/UA5077	7:35am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
PR110/UA5043	7:35am	10:10pm	1, 5 via GUM
DL172/288	9:40am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 7 via GUM
UA190/5077	10:00am	8:05pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:30pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
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LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS**Air Force training on FDM**

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Nov. 24-26, from 10am to 4pm.

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear of the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

RCUOG regular board meeting on Dec. 2

The regular meeting of the Research Corporation of the University of Guam will be held Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2014, at 2pm in the SBPA Graduate Classroom No. 262 on the second floor of the Jesus S. and Eugenia A. Leon Guerrero Building. The RCUOG complies with Guam Public Law 24-109 with reference to the provisions and requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. For assistance contact Elaine Faculo-Gogue, UOG EEO Office, Room 106, Iya Hami, at 735-2244 or (TTY) 735-2243.

USS O’Kane sailors volunteer at animal shelter

ASAN, Guam—Sailors from guided-missile destroyer USS *O’Kane* will volunteer their time

at Guam Animals In Need during a port call in Guam today, Nov. 24, from 10am to 1pm.

Sailors will help shelter workers with their daily tasks, including feeding and caring for rescued animals, cleaning kennels and working with them on socialization skills.

O’Kane, homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, is a multi-mission ship with anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare and anti-surface warfare surface combatants capabilities. It is named after Rear. Adm. Richard O’Kane who was awarded the Medal of Honor for exemplary service as commander of USS *Tang* on March 27, 1947. (PR)

Casting call for FOA production

There will be a meeting today, Nov. 24, between 6pm and 8pm at the MHS Dolphin Theater for those who would like to take part in the Jan. 16, 17, and 18 production of the FOA’s tribute to vaudeville and music hall called *I’m Not Rappaport*. (FOA)

CCA board meeting tomorrow

The Commonwealth Cancer Association’s board of directors will be holding its regular meeting tomorrow, Nov. 25, 2014, at 3:00pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the CCA at

682-0050 or email at cca@cca-marianas.org. (CCA)

MHS seniors to take part in Start Smart seminar

Marianas High School seniors will be out on Monday, Nov. 24, 2014 for the annual Senior Start Smart seminar at Saipan World Resort. Students’ permission slips will be placed in your box and will also be available in the counseling office. The permission slip is a passive consent and does not need to be turned in if they plan to attend. If the student does not want to attend the event then they can submit the letter to the counselor on Monday morning. (PR)

Workshop on Form W-2CM

This is to advise all employers that the Division of Revenue and Taxation, Department of Finance will be conducting a workshop for the Annual Wage and Salary Statement, Form (W-2CM) for tax year 2014 and other 2014 yearend filing requirements. The workshop will be on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2014.

The first seminar will be from 8am to 11am and the second will be from 1pm to 4pm at the Multi-Purpose Center.

Businesses, employers and all payroll service companies are encouraged to attend. Confirm your attendance by calling the Division of Revenue and Taxation at 664-1098 or fax at 664-1015. (DOF)

**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation****REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**
CUC-RFP-15-003**Water & Wastewater Laboratory Services**

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from DECQ certified firms to provide laboratory services for the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP package may be obtained upon completion of registration and receipt of a non-refundable deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one set from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays. Prospective Proposers must register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **November 26, 2014 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC-RFP-15-003, Water & Wastewater Laboratory Services”, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **December 12, 2014 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor’s preparation of a proposal under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All questions or request for clarification must be submitted in writing no later than **November 28, 2014 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Procurement & Supply Manager via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Heidi Yelin, CUC Laboratory Manager, via email heidi.yelin@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director

/s/ MANNY B. SABLAN
Manager, Procurement & Supply

**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**
Office of the Executive Director**INVITATION FOR BIDS**
CUC-IFB-15-005**W-4, W-5 AND W-6 SEWER LIFT STATION ELIMINATION**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of W-4, W-5 and W-6 Sewer Lift Station Elimination in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists of construction of a new lift station to replace the existing W-5 lift station; installation of new gravity sewer mains, including bar screen and odor control, from existing lift stations W-4 and W-6 to new lift station W-5 such that these existing lift stations and force mains can be replaced by gravity sewers; installation of force main from the new W-5 lift station to the nearby gravity sewer main, thereby eliminating existing sewer lift stations; installation of Owner-Furnished Contractor-Installed (OFICI) products; construction of a new generator building and appurtenances; demolition of two existing generator buildings and appurtenances; demolition and restoration existing minor structures and restoration of existing asphalt concrete road. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the sewer system. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 350 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **November 13, 2014 at 9:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC-IFB-15-005, W-4, W-5 and W-6 Sewer Lift Station Elimination” to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on December 2, 2014**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier’s check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers’ questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI’s Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI’s Insurance Code.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor’s preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. All responses to this Invitation for Bids should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the bidder, awarded a contract.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of a contract may be contingent upon the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission’s (CPUC) approval. If CPUC approval is required, the contract will not be executed by CUC until such approval is provided.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 14, 2014** to Manny B. Sablan, Manager, Procurement & Supply, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Nicolette Villagomez, Junior Engineer, Water/Wastewater Division via email nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director
Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

MANNY B. SABLAN
Manager, Procurement & Supply
Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**
Office of the Executive Director**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**
CUC-RFP-15-002**POWER SUPPLY RESOURCES**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities to supply reliable, affordable energy from commercially proven electric generation resources for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks responses from suitably qualified entities from which CUC intends to select one, or more, proponent(s) to negotiate long-term power supply contracts that best fit CUC’s power supply requirements. CUC’s requirements for new power supply resources will be determined as part of its Integrated Resource Plan, which is currently underway. More information regarding the Integrated Resource Plan can be found at the CUC’s website at <http://www.cucgov.org/integrated-resource-plan/>.

The RFP documents may be downloaded from the CUC website at <http://www.cucgov.org/power-supply-rfp/>. It is each proponent’s responsibility to ensure they have received all RFP documents posted to this website. An updated checklist will be provided in early January, titled “RFP Document Receipt Checklist and Affirmation” prior to the submittal deadline. In order to reduce the cost to CUC of this procurement and in the interest of sustainable business practices, CUC will not be providing printed RFP materials; all RFP materials will be posted and distributed electronically.

Prospective proponents for this RFP must register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division, by filling out and submitting a Proponent Registration Form by 10:00 am December 15, 2014 in order to be considered. The Proponent Registration Form is posted to the website at <http://www.cucgov.org/power-supply-rfp/> and can be delivered in printed format or electronically via email to the CUC Procurement Contact for Power Supply RFP:

Manny B. Sablan, Jr.
Purchasing Officer
Address: Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Third Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Bldg.
P.O. Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP, 96950
Office Phone: (670) 236-4303
Email: manny.sablan@cucgov.org.

The deadline for proposal submittals is currently scheduled for January 20, 2015, although this date may be subject to change. Changes to the proposal schedule will be posted as addenda to the Request for Proposal documents.

One printed, hardcopy original and five copies of all proposal material and supporting documents (including the Technical Proposal requirements, the Cost Proposal requirements, and all supplementary data requested as part of Appendix A, Appendix B, and Appendix C) must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “CUC RFP 15-002, Power Supply Resources” to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on January 20, 2015. One electronic copy of the Technical Proposal and related documents, and one electronic copy of the Cost Proposal and related documents, in Adobe pdf format on a DVD, also must be delivered with the other printed, hardcopy proposal materials.

Proponents are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the proponents due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of proponents’ preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. Questions or requests for clarification will be considered only from registered proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than December 17, 2014 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email addressed to manny.sablan@cucgov.org. CUC will host a Pre-Proposal Conference and Webinar on December 4, 2014 to discuss the Request for Proposals and answer questions. Information regarding the Pre-Proposal Conference and Webinar will be provided to registered proponents.

Proponents shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proponents.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor’s Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: <https://marianaslabor.net/>. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director

Saipan mayor expects arrival of 3 heavy equipment

The Saipan Mayor's Office is already anticipating the arrival of three heavy equipment it bought in early September.

Saipan Mayor Marian DLG Tudela said the estimated time of arrival for a dump truck and two loader backhoes is early next year.

"We're finally getting our heavy equipment and now the mayor's office can provide better services than it did before," Tudela said.

Special adviser Henry S. Hofschneider told Tudela that the 2015 Ford F-750 four-wheel drive dump truck is estimated to

arrive on Feb. 20 to 25, while the two CASE 580SN four-wheel drive loader backhoes are expected to arrive on Jan. 15 to 20.

Hofschneider stated in his memo that the shipment date for the dump truck will be Jan. 30, 2015, according to an Oct. 28, 2014, email from the U.S. General Services Administration.

CNH Industrial America LLC forwarded their shipment date on Nov. 18, 2014.

"Though the dates shown above are still months away from now... I have been told by other government agencies that procure through GSA that ship-

ment oftentimes arrive earlier than estimated. I am hoping the dump truck and two backhoes land on Saipan much sooner than the estimated timeline," Hofschneider said.

He said that CNH will pay for moving the two backhoes from CASE Construction Equipment in Burlington, Iowa, to Long Beach, California. The Saipan Mayor's Office will then be

Bordallo talks invasive species with federal officials

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo met with Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Environment Don Schregardus and other federal officials and experts from the Navy and U.S. Department of Agriculture Thursday last week, to discuss efforts to combat and eradicate invasive species in Guam and Hawaii. As the Ranking Member of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness, Bordallo chaired the meeting and expressed her deep concern of the impact that several invasive species have on Guam, particularly the coconut rhinoceros beetle.

The beetle was first detected in Guam in 2007 and has led to the destruction of local vegetation throughout the island. Since 2008, the Navy, in conjunction with the USDA and the University of Guam, has supported islandwide efforts to eradicate the beetle. Bordallo has consistently supported efforts to provide fed-

eral funds to combat the spread of the beetle in Guam. She said more attention and resources should be focused on improving the science to eliminate the CRB from Guam.

"Invasive species have caused significant harm to our ecosystems and have decimated local bird and plant species [in] Guam," said Bordallo. "I appreciate the efforts of the Navy, USDA, and UOG to combat the spread of the rhino beetle [in] Guam, and I hope see more progress to eradicate this species from the island. There is still much work to be done, and I look forward to working with federal and local partners to achieve this goal. I will continue to support providing federal resources to combat the spread of all invasive species on Guam, prevent the introduction of any new species to our island, and do more to eliminate current invasive species." (PR)

DUI checkpoints on Rota in December

The Department of Public Safety will be conducting DUI/sobriety checkpoints on Rota the dates and times listed below:

■ Friday, Dec. 5, 2014

First setup: 7pm to 8:15pm, San Francisco Highway, Chaliat area.

Second setup: 10pm to 11:15pm San Francisco Highway, Pinatang area.

■ Thursday, Dec. 11, 2014

First setup: 7pm to 8:15pm, San Francisco Highway by Teteto Beach area.

Second setup: 10am to 11:15am San Francisco Highway by Lotgan area.

■ Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014

First setup: 7pm to 8:15pm San Francisco Highway by Sinapalo 2 park area.

Second setup: 10pm to 11:15pm San Francisco Highway by Sonton area.

Third setup: 1am to 2:15am San Francisco Highway by Pinatang area.

■ Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2014

First setup: 7pm to 8:15pm San Francisco Highway by Igua area.

Second setup: 10pm to 11:15pm San Francisco Highway by Lotgan area.

■ Friday, Dec. 19, 2014

First setup: 7pm to 8:15pm San Francisco Highway by Teteto beach area.

Second setup: 10pm to 11:15pm San Francisco Highway by Igua area.

Third setup: 1am to 2:15am San Francisco Highway by Pinatang park area.

■ Saturday, Dec. 20, 2014

First setup: 9pm to 10:15pm San Francisco Highway by Chaliat area.

Second setup: 12am to 1:15am San Francisco Highway by Sonton area.

■ Friday, Dec. 26, 2014

First setup: 7pm to 8:15pm San Francisco Highway by Sonton area.

Second setup: 10pm to 11:15pm San Francisco Highway by Sinapalo 2 park area.

Third setup: 1am to 2:15am San Francisco Highway by Lotgan area.

■ Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014

First setup: 7pm to 8:15pm San Francisco Highway by Sinapalo 2 park area.

Second setup: 10pm to 11:15pm San Francisco Highway by Teteto beach area.

Third setup: 1am to 2:15am San Francisco Highway by Pinatang area.

Each checkpoint will last at least 75 minutes (1 hour and 15 minutes). This activity is part of the department's effort to Deter, detect and apprehend impaired drivers, and to ensure that all passengers are wearing proper restraining devices, seatbelts or car seats.

In addition, traffic and patrol officers will be conducting highway criminal interdictions, saturation patrols, aggressive driver interdictions, and laser (speed detection) enforcement.

For more information, contact Sgt. Jarrod T. Manglona or PO2 George A. Barcinas, Traffic Section, at (670) 532-9433. (DPS)

DUI checkpoints on Saipan this week

The CNMI Department of Public Safety will be conducting DUI/sobriety checkpoints on Nov. 26 and 27.

Nov. 26, 2014:

■ Beach Road Susupe in front of the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Building, on the northbound lane, from 6pm to 7:15pm

■ Chalan Pale Arnold, Chalan Lau Lau, in front of IT&E Building, on the southbound lane, from 8pm to 9:15pm

■ Chalan Monsignor Guerrero, Chalan Kiya adjacent to the CUC Waterloo, on the westbound lane, from 10pm to 11:15pm

Nov. 27, 2014:

■ Beach Road, Garapan across from Bank Pacific on the southbound lane, from 3pm to 4:15pm

■ Chalan Pale Arnold, Gualo Rai in front of Spring Buildings, on the southbound lane, from 6pm to 7:15pm

■ Beach Road, Chalan Piao, in front of Hopwood Jr. High School on the southbound lane, from 8:30pm to 9:45pm

Each DUI/sobriety checkpoint will last at least 75 minutes (1 hour and 15 minutes).

In addition, traffic and patrol officers will be conducting highway criminal interdictions, saturation patrols, aggressive driver interdictions, and laser (speed detection) enforcement.

This activity is part of department's effort to deter, detect and apprehend impaired drivers, and to ensure that all passengers are wearing proper restraining devices, seatbelts or car seats. (DPS)



INVITATION FOR BIDS WATER TASK FORCE IFB 15-GOV-004



Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed bids for the Construction of 0.5 Million Gallon Reservoir in Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A bid guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of the Treasury (T-Listed).

The bidder is required to submit with his proposal a copy of his CNMI Business License in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Contractor will be required to submit payment and performance bonds from a US Treasury listed company. The Contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws including the Davis Bacon Act.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the project approval from OIA.

The project consists, in general, but is not limited to:

- Conduct Construction Survey and Staking
- Construct Permanent and Temporary Erosion Control measures.
- Perform Earthwork and Site Utilities.
- Construction of 0.5 Million-Gallon Reservoir with Aluminum Dome Roof.
- Install Cathodic Protection.
- Install Control and Telemetry System.
- Modification of Existing Water Supply Pipes and other incidentals to complete the work per plans and specifications.
- Construction of Chain-Link Fence, six (6) feet and four (4) feet high.
- Installation of Chain-Link Personnel Access Gate and Chain-Link Vehicle Access Gate.
- Reconstruction of Asphalt Pavement.

A non-refundable payment of \$500 to CNMI Treasury is required for each set of Plans, Specifications, and Proposal Forms, available on or after October 27, 2014 at the Water Task Force Office, 1316 Anatahan Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan. A mandatory pre-bid conference for this project is scheduled at 10:00 a.m., on November 7, 2014, at the WTF Conference Room, Saipan.

All inquiries shall be in writing and addressed to **Pedro Sasamoto, Program Manager**, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or faxed to (670) 664-2279. Inquiries must be received no later than 4:30 PM on November 6, 2014.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, contained in the CNMI Administrative Code, Title 70 Subchapter 70-30.3-301. Preference is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Sealed bids must be marked **"IFB 15-GOV-004"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 2:00 pm local time November 26, 2014. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 2:00 pm local time November 26, 2014, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than November 26, 2014, and must be received no later than December 9, 2014. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 3:00 pm local time, December 9, 2014. However, if no Notices of Intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 3:00 pm local time on November 26, 2014.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/S/ Jude U. Hofschneider
Acting Governor and Contracting Officer

/S/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement and Supply



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP 15-GOV-010



Archeological Services For Water Task Force Lower Base Industrial Park Waterline Improvement Project

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed Proposals from qualified individuals or firms for Professional Services for Archeological Services for the Water Task Force for its Lower Base Industrial Park Waterline Improvement Project. This contract for professional services will be funded by grant funds from the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce with matching funds provided by Public Law 17-90.

The proposal package will be available on or after **October 27, 2014** at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan or by request faxed to (670) 664-1515.

All questions concerning this proposal shall be submitted in writing no later than **4:30 PM, November 7, 2014** to Pedro Sasamoto, WTF Program Manager (facsimile) number: (670) 664-2279.

The proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations (NMIAC Title 70, Subchapter 70.30.3). Preference is not available to local proposers in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"Archeological Services", RFP 15-GOV-010**. One (1) original and four (4) copies must be submitted. Proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply, at Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **3:00 pm, November 25, 2014 (CNMI local time)**.

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so will be in the best interest of the CNMI. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI government.

/S/ Jude U. Hofschneider
Acting Governor

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement & Supply

Business

Obama immigration plan good, not great for economy

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama's expansive executive action on immigration is good for the U.S. economy—just not as good as partnering with Congress on broader reforms.

The executive order signed Friday would prevent the deportation of about 4 million parents and guardians who lack the same legal status as their children. By gaining work permits, they will likely command higher wages, move more easily between jobs and boost government tax revenues, according to multiple economic analyses.

"This is focused on people who are already in the economy today, who are contributing mightily but are basically operating in the shadows," said Raul Hinojosa-Ojeda, a professor at the University of California, Los Angeles. "Their economic potential is being held back."

The new order could boost labor income by \$6.8 billion, helping to generate 160,000 new jobs and \$2.5 billion in additional tax revenues, according to estimates by Hinojosa-Ojeda. The findings dovetail with separate research showing that a 1986 amnesty measure raised incomes for illegal workers in the years that followed.

Still, any gains from the executive action would be modest in the \$17 trillion U.S. economy.

White House officials estimate that the executive order would expand gross domestic product less than 0.1 percent a year over the next decades.

Along with the Congressional Budget Office, independent economists say growth would be much stronger with a broader overhaul that would more than double the number of illegal workers eligible for legalized status, in addition to reforms that would attract high-skilled immigrant workers who are more likely to lead and found new companies.

The Senate passed a measure last year to fix the immigration system, but it stalled in the Republican-majority House that favored a step-by-step approach. The CBO estimated the Senate-backed reform would have added another 0.33 percent annually to GDP growth.

The president's order "falls short of a comprehensive reform that would have a more sweeping effect on the economic landscape," said Joel Prakken of the forecasting firm Macroeconomic Advisers.

More substantial reforms could lift economic growth by an additional 0.24 percent a year—or about \$41 billion—for the next two decades, according to an analysis that Prakken contributed to last year for the Bipartisan Policy Center. The reforms

could also cut the federal debt by \$1.2 trillion over the same period, increase home construction, lift wages and add 8.3 million workers to the economy.

A broader overhaul would also create a framework for attracting more immigrants, which would mute the negative economic impacts of an aging population. As more Americans retire, the percentage of the population with jobs has slipped, limiting the ability of the economy to expand.

But the executive order would do little to promote additional immigration, nor would it fully address the concerns of technology companies looking for high-skilled foreigners.

Obama's plan does not raise the current annual limit of 65,000 so-called "H-1B" visas for skilled workers, although he promised to streamline some of the rules governing them. Scientists, engineers and computer programmers all earn higher wages than the comparatively low-paid workers who would be helped by Obama.

Silicon Valley entrepreneur

President Obama's immigration action

Parents of U.S. citizens or legal U.S. residents who have resided in the U.S. for at least 5 years can apply for deferred action and stay in the country.

New deferred action program

Parents of U.S. citizens	3.53 million
Parents of legal residents	180,000
Subtotal	3.71 million

Eligibility to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals memorandum will be expanded. Under the original DACA, anyone who arrived in the United States before 2007, was under the age of 16 when they arrived, and was under the age of 31 when the order was signed, could apply for deferred action.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

Eliminating the age cutoff of 31	205,000
Moving the arrival cutoff to 2010	85,000
Subtotal of newly eligible	290,000
Prior eligibility for DACA	1.2 million
Total eligible for DACA	1.5 million

Prior and new DACA + new deferred action program

Total eligibility for deferred action	5.2 million
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Source: Migration Policy Institute

Graphic: Tyler Davis, Tribune News Service

Mike Galarza knows the issue first hand. A native of Mexico, he described a daunting bureaucratic obstacle course to obtain a visa that allowed him to launch Entryless, an online business accounting startup, last year in Menlo Park, California. Now he's struggling to find talent. Galarza said he recently lost a job candidate with a Ph.D. in computer science because there were no more H-1B visas available.

"The U.S. is not welcoming enough to entrepreneurs who want to create value for the American economy," Galarza said. "I'm glad if (Obama) is able to help those 5 million people, but he needs to focus on the issue of tech workers and foreign entrepreneurs as well."

Groups such as the Center for Immigration Studies have criticized the benefits of adding immigrants, noting that many U.S. citizens are still searching for work more than five years after the Great Recession ended. By giving these workers legal status, it will inevitably help their

earnings prospects but do little for the rest of the economy, said Steven Camarota, the organization's research director.

But the business community disagrees, saying they need immigrants in order to expand their operations.

In response to Obama's executive action, Buffalo Wings & Rings estimates it would be able to add five restaurants to its more than 45 franchised outlets.

"For us, it's an opportunity," said Philip Schram, executive vice president of development at the Cincinnati-based chain.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM,
Plaintiff,

vs.

**ABRAHAM E. TAISACAN and
LYDIA O. TAISACAN,**
Defendants.

Civil Action
No. 13-0093

**NOTICE OF AUCTION
and
JUDICIAL SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 27th day of December, 2013, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the 10th day of December, 2014 at 10 a.m., at the Bank of Guam, District II, Songsong Village, Rota, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 001 R 22, (formerly known as Lot 10, Block 19), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 R 00, the original of which was registered on November 12, 1971 as Document No. 1288 at Land Registration, Saipan.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. **Rights and duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

- withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
- to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
- to reject any and all bids.

2. **Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749; Email: rttlaw@pticom.com.

3. **Deposit and Payment.** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to Bank of Guam.

4. **Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

5. **Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 12th day of September, 2014.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL MVA-RFP-15-2322

For: HAPPY CHILDREN IN PARADISE CAMPAIGN SAIPANDA BACKPACKS

Closing Date: **December 1, 2014** Time: 3:00 p.m.

Submit sealed proposals to: Marianas Visitors Authority
P.O. Box 500861 CK
Saipan, MP 96950

Interested parties may pick up the scope of work at the **Marianas Visitors Authority** office between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., (closed 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.) Monday to Friday, except holidays or by visiting the **MVA** website at www.mymarianas.com.

/s/ Marian Aldan-Pierce
MVA Chair, Board of Directors

/s/ Perry P. Tenorio
Managing Director

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public, all business vendors and accounts that as of November 14, 2014, Michael Busby is no longer an employee/ General Manager of Pacific Saipan, Inc./ One Pacific Distributors.

Please direct all business matters to Ms. Jocelyn Leomo, Interim Manager at 233-3999.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL MVA-RFP-15-2323

For: LOCAL PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MEDIA SERVICES

Closing Date: **December 1, 2014** Time: 3:00 p.m.

Submit sealed proposals to: Marianas Visitors Authority
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/s/ Perry P. Tenorio
Managing Director

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Nation

Winners and losers under Obama's immigration plan

SAN DIEGO (AP) -- President Barack Obama unveiled one of the most sweeping changes to the U.S. immigration system in decades, shielding millions from deportation.

Among those breathing easier: a Mexican woman in Birmingham, Alabama, who barely missed qualifying for a reprieve in 2012 but can apply now because she has three U.S.-born children; a pair of 9- and 11-year-old brothers in Tucson, Arizona, who can stay under more generous guidelines for immigrants who arrived as children.

About 5 million people are expected to qualify under the measures outlined Thursday. But about 6 million who are in the country illegally will be left out.

Many who were recently deported also miss out.

The Associated Press interviewed immigrants around the country—and in Mexico—for examples of who wins and who loses.

WINNER: Reyna Garcia, 32, almost qualified for Obama's 2012 reprieve that allowed hundreds of thousands who came to the country as young children to remain. Her mistake was going to work for a cleaning crew instead of enrolling in high school. The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program requires applicants to be attending high school or graduated.

The Mexican native has lived in Alabama for most of the last 17 years and gave birth to three children in the U.S. Parents of U.S. citizens or le-

gal residents who have been in the country for more than five years are eligible.

Her oldest daughter, Yulexi Plata, 14, says it will be a relief for her parents to live without fear of deportation.

"If they've been here so long, why not more?" she asks.

But after having missed out once, Garcia worries.

"I have this fear that I may be missing something again. What might be the problem this time?"

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LOSER: Liana Ghica, 49, was a lawyer in Romania who came to the U.S. in 2001. She has unsteady work cleaning houses and managing bookkeeping in the Los Angeles area.

Ghica's son studies at University of California, Los Angeles and is allowed to stay under the DACA program for immigrants who came to the country when they were young. However, their parents are ineligible under Obama's plans.

"It is a slap in our faces," Ghica says. "Personally I think (Obama) damaged us even more with this."

Ghica came to the U.S. with a visa and job offer that fell through. She stayed, she said, to give her son a chance at the American dream.

Her son, Vlad Stoicescu-Ghica, 21, said DACA has enabled him to get campus jobs, put household bills in his name and get a credit card.

"It just makes a tremendous difference in terms of humanizing people and giving them the ability to stand on their



own and not having to rely on others for their day-to-day activities," he said.

Ghica questioned why parents whose children were born in the U.S. are allowed to stay and she isn't.

"What is the difference? We all had the same dream."

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WINNER: Rosa Robles Loreto's 9- and 11-year-old sons were born in Mexico but have lived in Arizona for years. They didn't qualify for a reprieve under the DACA, but Obama is expanding it to lift age restrictions and make anyone eligible who arrived before January 1, 2010.

"It feels good my kids are in. They're the reason I'm here fighting," she said after watching Obama's speech at the Southside Presbyterian Church in Tucson, where she has been

taking sanctuary for more than 100 days.

But she was sad that, after a summer of living in a small room with bunk beds, a TV, books and little more, she will not be able to go home. She faces a deportation order after being stopped for a traffic infraction years ago.

She has been living in the U.S. illegally since the early 1990s and returned to Mexico to give birth to each of her sons because she couldn't afford health care.

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LOSER: Eduardo Vidal, 36, was deported to Mexico less than three weeks before Obama's announcement, separated from his Salvadoran wife and five U.S.-born children after police in the Los Angeles suburb of Palm-dale stopped him for a broken

tail light and discovered he had three DUI convictions.

Vidal spent much of his 22 years in the United States cleaning offices in Las Vegas and Southern California. He has no idea what to do next.

"I don't know my way around. I have no money," Vidal said as he waited with hundreds of others for a free meal of ground beef, squash, rice and beans at Tijuana's Padre Chava breakfast hall.

Many at the breakfast hall are fluent in English and products of American schools. They have parents, spouses and children living in the U.S., often legally.

Sonia Vidal wants her husband to rejoin her in California. She is in the U.S. legally but doesn't have permission to live in Mexico.

"The easiest thing would be

ulexi Plata, 14, speaks about her hopes for immigration policy during an interview in Birmingham, Ala., on Monday, Nov. 17, 2014. While the high school freshman was born in the United States and is a U.S. citizen, both of her parents are from Mexico and are living in Alabama without proper documentation.

for him to come here," she said.

An administrator saw shock and fear in Vidal's eyes as he waited in line. She offered him a free bed.

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WINNER: Jorge Romero-Morales and his wife, Clara, both 40, came to Oregon in 1996 and had two children—their ticket to remain in the U.S.

"We came to this country to work, not to ask for handouts," he said.

Romero-Morales worked two shifts at restaurants and later joined a construction company. Clara was a community health worker and volunteered at her children's school.

The couple bought a small home in Aloha, a Portland suburb. They take English classes.

Romero-Morales said he was always paid less than his American colleagues. He kept silent, he said, because he lacks a work permit and was afraid someone would call authorities.

"I feel happy that my parents might qualify," said their youngest son, Naethan, 12, while wiping tears at their dining table. "They have worked so hard, and I don't want to get separated from them."



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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 01-2015

Opening date: November 17, 2014 Closing date: December 5, 2014

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) announces the following job vacancy:

**Position: (1) Staff Engineer (Saipan)
(1) Executive/Board Secretary**

Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates and/or official transcripts, original copy of recent police record not more than six (6) months old, original copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or veterans of our Armed Forces, and other documents as required for the position. Public Law 11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 25 years old must submit documentation evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. All applications and required documents must be submitted to the CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Failure to provide any of the required documents may result in automatic disqualification. Certain vacancies may require written and/or physical test. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening. CPA reserves the right to waive or implement other qualifications to meet its needs. The deadline for submission of applications and required documents is no later than 4:30 p.m., December 5, 2014.

Detailed information on qualifications and position description for the above positions shall be picked up along with the application form during regular working hours at the CPA's Administration Office (2nd Floor) of the Saipan International Airport, Arrival Wing. For more information, please contact the CPA HR Administrator Ms. Rita Omar, by email at rita.omar@cpa.gov.mp or by phone at (670) 237-6500.

CPA is an Equal Opportunity Employer and CPA hires those who are legally entitled to employment in the CNMI.

/s/MaryAnn Q. Lizama
Executive Director



JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**Job Title:
(1) Program Administrator
(1) Caseworker**

To apply, please contact
CNMI Women's Association
at Tel No. 233-8978.
Deadline to submit
applications is Thursday,
November, 27, 2014.



JUDICIARY Northern Mariana Islands



Request for Proposals 14-COURTS-02

Janitorial Services for the Guma Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewee, House of Justice

The Commonwealth Judicial Branch is soliciting sealed proposals for janitorial services for the Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewee/House of Justice, Saipan, for a period of one (1) year.

Firms or individuals submitting proposals must have a valid CNMI business license and be in compliance with applicable local and federal laws and regulations, including minimum wage requirements.

Proposal procedures shall comply with CNMI Procurement Regulations (NMIAC Title 70, Subchapter 30.3).

The proposal package will be available on or after **November 24, 2014** at the office of the Budget and Finance Director, Guma Hustisia, Saipan, or by request faxed to (670) 236-9702 or emailed to juandiego.tenorio@justice.gov.mp.

A **mandatory** pre-proposal meeting and site visit will be held on **December 16, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.**, local time at the Guma Hustisia Conference Room. Any questions or inquiries shall be discussed at the meeting.

Sealed proposals must be marked **RFPI4-COURTS-02** and submitted in one (1) original and three (3) copies to the Budget and Finance Director, Guma Hustisia, Saipan no later than **December 19, 2014, local time, 10:00 a.m.** Proposals must expressly state that the price offered is good for a one (1) year period. Firms or individuals submitting proposals from outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose to the Budget and Finance Director no later than **10:00 a.m., local time, December 19, 2014**. Notices of Intent may be faxed to (670) 236-9702 or emailed to juandiego.tenorio@justice.gov.mp. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one (1) original and three (3) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **December 19, 2014**, AND the proposal must be received at the Office of the Budget and Finance Director no later than **December 26, 2014, close of business**.

The CNMI Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or portions thereof, and waive immaterial defects if to do so would be in the best interest of the CNMI Government. All proposals received shall become the property of the CNMI Government and will not be returned to the proposer.

/s/Alexandro C. Castro
Chief Justice

/s/ Juan Diego V. Tenorio
Budget and Finance Director

Asia

China building airstrip-capable island on Fiery Cross Reef

By JAMES HARDY and SEAN O'CONNOR
IHS JANE'S DEFENCE WEEKLY

China is building an island at least 3,000 m long on Fiery Cross Reef that could be the site for its first airstrip in the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea.

Satellite imagery of the island taken on 8 August and 14 November shows that in the past three months Chinese dredgers have created a land mass that is almost the entire length of the reef.

Fiery Cross Reef lies to the west of the main Spratly island archipelago and was previously under water; the only habitable area was a concrete platform built and maintained by China's People's Liberation Army Navy.

The new island is more than 3,000 m long and between 200 and 300 m wide: large enough to construct a runway and apron. The dredgers are also creating a harbor to the east of

the reef that would appear to be large enough to receive tankers and major surface combatants.

The existing structure on the reef's southwestern edge was home to a PLA garrison and had a pier, air-defense guns, anti-frogmen defenses, communications equipment, and a greenhouse. The concrete structure is currently not attached to the new island, but if previous Chinese land reclamation projects in the Spratlys are any guide, it is only a matter of time before it is joined up.

The Spratly Islands are claimed by Brunei, China, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan, and Vietnam. All but Brunei occupy islands or have built structures on reefs and shoals to assert their claims.

The land reclamation at Fiery Cross is the fourth such project undertaken by China in the Spratly Islands in the last 12-18 months and by far the largest in scope. China has

Airbus Defense and Space imagery dated Nov. 14, 2014, shows Chinese land reclamation operations under way at Fiery Cross Reef in the South China Sea. Multiple operating dredgers provide the ability to generate terrain rapidly. Operating from a harbor area, dredgers deliver sediment via a network of piping.

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built new islands at Johnson South Reef, Cuateron Reef, and Gaven Reefs, but none are large enough to house an airstrip in their current form.

Ship tracking data from IHS Maritime shows substantial activity at the reef since May 2014. Analysts drew attention to two ships in particular: *Jin Hang Jun 406*, a grab dredger that is fixed on a pontoon, and 3,086-tonne cutter suction dredger *Xin Hai Tun*. Both have been instrumental in dredging and cutting channels into the new harbor basin.



2009 massacre haunts Philippines as trial slows

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Five years after gunmen flagged down a convoy of cars and massacred all 58 occupants, including scores of journalists, in a southern Philippine province, the body count continues to rise.

Just days before the Philippines marked Sunday's anniversary of the carnage with prayers and calls to end impunity, another potential witness in the ongoing trial against the politically powerful suspects was gunned down.

Here are some questions and answers about this case—the largest criminal trial in the Philippines since World War II and a litmus test for President Benigno Aquino III, a reformist who has vowed to punish the perpetrators.

Q: WHY IS THE CASE TAKING SO LONG?

A: Justice Secretary Leila de Lima says the case has been slow because of its sheer size and complexity. Nearly 200 people have been charged for the deaths of 58 victims, including 32 journalists and their staff in the largest mass killing of media workers in the world.

The principal suspects are members of the Ampatuan clan, who had ruled Maguindanao province for decades. According to the prosecutors, their motive was to prevent rivals from challenging them in elections. Most of the victims were the Ampatuans' political opponents and the journalists who accompanied them on their way to register their candidacy when they were stopped and killed.

The Ampatuans have denied the charges against them.

Prosecutors have presented 147 witnesses while the defense

has begun calling 300 more. Recent proceedings, which are held 2-3 times a week, have been tied up in bail hearings.

At the start of the trial in September 2010, a prominent senator, Joker Arroyo, said that the volume of the case and the intense legal battle could make it last 200 years. He exaggerated to make a point—de Lima says she expects some of the principal suspects to be convicted before Aquino's term ends in mid-2016.

As the trial drags on, however, families of the victims are increasingly frustrated. Complicating the picture is chronic insecurity in the southern region, where gunmen on the loose scare away witnesses. According to prosecutors, at least eight witnesses, potential witnesses and their relatives have been killed in an attempt to suppress testimony.

The latest victims were Dennis Sakal and Sukarno Butch Saudagal. They had previously worked for the Ampatuans but agreed to testify against them, said Maguindanao Gov. Esmail Mangudadatu, whose wife, three sisters and other followers died in the massacre.

The two men were riding a motorcycle when gunmen attacked them last Tuesday, killing Sakal and wounding Saudagal. Police have not identified the attackers.

"Each killing of a witness creates a fresh injustice while reducing the chances of justice being served for the families of the victims of this horrific massacre," said Hazel Galang-Folli of Amnesty International in the Philippines. "Justice delayed is justice denied."

The Human Rights Watch says the trial is in "effective judicial limbo" and the continuing attacks on witnesses "a shameful exemplar of impunity in the Philippines."

Q: WHAT HAS THE GOVERNMENT DONE TO SPEED UP THE TRIAL?

A: Because of backlogs and inadequate number of judges and prosecutors, the average case in the Philippines can take a decade to solve. To avoid this, the Supreme Court has created a special court just for the massacre. It assigned two judges to help the presiding judge.

The special trial court has also encouraged prosecutors to submit witnesses' statements in writing to save time. Many, however, continue to call witnesses to the stand because they want to avoid additional paperwork.

The government has strengthened its witness protection program, but in a country with rampant extrajudicial killings, testifying against the rich and powerful means taking big chances. For example, Esmail Amil Enog had testified that he drove dozens of gunmen to the site of the massacre from the residence of one of the suspects. A year later, in 2012, he was shot dead and his body chopped to pieces. He refused the witness protection, saying it was too difficult for him to live in hiding, according to justice officials.

There's also suspicion that the key suspects would prefer a court ruling after Aquino's term ends in 2016, hoping for a more favorable outcome. The Ampatuans were political allies of Aquino's predecessor, Gloria Macapagal Arroyo. She has been detained on vote-rigging charges.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 15-01

United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands

ARCHITECT / PROJECT MANAGER

Location: SAIPAN, NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS (CNMI)

Grade: CL-30, \$78,936 - \$97,657 starting pay depending on qualifications, plus 13.84% COLA

Limited Term (18 to 24 Months) Full-Time. Must be able to start by February 2, 2015.

Opening Date: Nov. 7, 2014 **CLOSING DATE: Dec. 2, 2014**

Position Overview:

The Architect/Project Manager provides technical advice and project management for new courthouse construction. Assists the court in planning, design, oversight, coordination, and problem solving for all aspects of construction. Complete position description is available upon request, or via Internet at <http://www.nmid.uscourts.gov>. This position includes full federal employment benefits, with paid leave and holidays, health insurance, life insurance and federal retirement benefits.

Minimum Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree from a U.S. Accredited Institution in architecture, interior design, engineering, planning, or similar disciplines. • Minimum of four years specialized experience in project management. • Thorough knowledge and understanding of concepts used by the various disciplines related to space project development, facility planning, architectural and interior design, and project management. • Thorough knowledge of and skill in using computer technology; excellent technical abilities in working with spreadsheets, databases, AutoCAD, and word processing. • Ability to read, analyze and interpret specifications, technical procedures, and governmental regulations. • Ability to effectively communicate by presenting and responding to input and questions from peers, court managers, consultants, contractors, and judges, both verbal and written.

Citizenship Requirement:

Applicants are required to be U.S. citizens or aliens who are authorized to work in the U.S.

Notice to Applicants:

Excepted service appointments are "at will" and may be terminated by either the court or the employee at any time for any reason. Appointment is contingent upon successful completion of a background investigation. Employees are subject to the Judicial Code of Conduct. Direct deposit of pay required.

Application Procedure:

Each applicant is required to submit a Cover Letter, Resume, and an AO-78 application form. AO-78 forms are on the Internet at: <http://www.nmid.uscourts.gov> or may be picked up at the U.S. District Court. Deadline for receipt of applications at the Clerk of Court office in Saipan is Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2014.

Deliver signed applications to:

Clerk of Court

United States District Court

for the Northern Mariana Islands

2nd Floor, Horiguchi Building, Garapan, Saipan

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World

Somalia's al-Shabab kills 28 non-Muslims in Kenya

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)—One gunman shot from the right, one from the left, each killing the non-Muslims lying in a line on the ground, growing closer and closer to Douglas Ochwodho, who was in the middle.

And then the shooting stopped. Apparently each gunman thought the other shot Ochwodho. He lay perfectly still until the 20 Islamic extremists left, and he appears to be the only survivor of those who had been selected for death.

Somalia's Islamic extremist rebels, al-Shabab, attacked a bus in northern Kenya at dawn Saturday, singling out and killing 28 passengers who could not recite an Islamic creed and were assumed to be non-Muslims, Kenyan police said.

Those who could not say the Shahada, a tenet of the Muslim faith, were shot at close range, Ochwodho told The Associated Press.

Nineteen men and nine women were killed in the bus attack, said Kenyan police chief David Kimaiyo.

Al-Shabab claimed responsibility for the killings through its radio station in Somalia, saying it was in retaliation for raids by Kenyan security forces carried out earlier this week on four



The bodies of some of the victims lie in a line on the ground, at the location of an attack on a bus about 50 kilometers (31 miles) outside the town of Mandera, near the Somali border in northeastern Kenya, Saturday, Nov. 22, 2014.

mosques at the Kenyan coast.

Kenya's military said it responded to the killings with airstrikes later Saturday that destroyed the attackers' camp in Somalia and killed 45 rebels.

"The United States condemns in the strongest terms today's horrific attack in Kenya by

the terrorist group al-Shabab against innocent civilians," said Bernadette Meehan, the spokeswoman for the National Security Council in Washington.

"The United States stands with our Kenyan partners in the effort to counter the threat of terrorism and affirms our ongoing

commitment to working with all Kenyans to combat these atrocities," her statement said.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon also condemned the attack.

The bus traveling to the capital Nairobi with 60 passengers was hijacked about 50 kilometers (31 miles) from the town of Mandera near Kenya's border with Somalia, said two police officers who insisted on anonymity because they were ordered not to speak to the press.

The attackers first tried to wave the bus down but it didn't stop so the gunmen sprayed it with bullets, said the police.

When that didn't work they shot a rocket propelled grenade at it,

the officers said.

The gunmen took control of the vehicle and forced it off the road where they ordered all the passengers out of the vehicle and separated those who appeared to be non-Muslims—mostly non-Somalis—from the rest.

The survivor, Douglas Ochwodho, a non-Muslim head teacher of a private primary school in Mandera, said was travelling home for the Christmas vacation since school had closed.

Ochwodho told AP that the passengers who did not look Somali were separated from the others. The non-Somali passengers were then asked to recite the Shahada, an Islamic creed

declaring oneness with God. Those who couldn't recite the creed were ordered to lie down. Ochwodho was among those who had to lie on the ground.

Two gunmen started shooting those on the ground; one gunman started from the left and other from the right, Ochwodho said. When they reached him they were confused on whether either had shot him, he said.

Ochwodho lay still until the gunmen left, he said. He then ran back to the road and got a lift from a pick-up truck back to Mandera. He spoke from a hospital bed where he was being treated for shock.

Seventeen of the 28 dead were teachers, according to the police commander in Mandera County.

A shortage of personnel and lack of equipment led to a slow response by police when the information was received, said two police officers who insisted on anonymity because they were ordered not to speak to the press. They said the attackers have more sophisticated weaponry than the police who waited for military reinforcements before responding.

Kenya has been hit by a series of gun and bomb attacks blamed on al-Shabab, who are linked to al-Qaida, since it sent troops into Somalia in October 2011. Authorities say there have been at least 135 attacks by al-Shabab since then, including the assault on Nairobi's upscale Westgate Mall in September 2013 in which 67 people were killed. Al-Shabab said it was responsible for other attacks on Kenya's coast earlier this year which killed at least 90 people.

Iraqi forces, Islamic State group battle in Ramadi



BAGHDAD (AP)—Iraqi soldiers backed by Sunni fighters launched a major operation Saturday to retake a section of the city of Ramadi seized by Islamic State group militants, an official and residents said.

The fighting focused on Ramadi's eastern Sijariya neighborhood, which the extremist group said it captured Friday. An official with the Anbar provincial council described intense fighting there Saturday morning that included both sides firing mortars. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief journalists.

Eyewitnesses there, speaking on condition of anonymity for

fear of reprisals, corroborated his account.

Meanwhile, local residents in the town of Hit, in Anbar, said civilians were killed by an airstrike on a house. The strike, which eyewitnesses said took place just after noon prayers on Saturday, allegedly killed a family of four, including two children. It was not immediately clear which country was behind the strike.

The Islamic State group has been trying to seize Ramadi, the capital of Anbar province, for months now. Sunni militants, including the group's fighters, seized parts of it last January.

The Anbar official also said Islamic State fighters lined

up and shot several men Friday from the al-Bu Fahd tribe, which is taking part in the fight against the militant group.

Islamic State group fighters have killed more than 200 men, women and children from Anbar's Sunni Al Bu Nimr tribe in recent weeks, apparently in revenge for the tribe's siding with Iraqi security forces and, in the past, with U.S. forces.

Earlier this month, an American advisory mission visited Anbar's al-Asad air base, searching for potential training locations for fighters battling the Islamic State group, which holds a third of both Iraq and Syria. The move is part of a U.S. plan to train Iraqi forces and Sunni tribesmen, reminiscent of the Sunni Awakening movement that confronted al-Qaida in Iraq starting in 2006. The U.S. launched airstrikes in Iraq on Aug. 8, and a number of countries have since joined in an effort to reinforce Iraqi and Kurdish ground forces fighting the Islamic State group. The U.S. is also part of a coalition of Arab allies that launched strikes in Syria.

Meanwhile Saturday, police said two bombings around Baghdad killed eight people and wounded 21. Hospital officials confirmed the casualties. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to journalists.

Police find mom of baby abandoned in Sydney drain

SYDNEY (AP)—Police in Australia were questioning a 20-year-old woman whose newborn baby was found Sunday abandoned in a drain near a Sydney freeway.

The baby, who is only a few days old, was in a serious but stable condition in Sydney's Westmead Children's Hospital, police said in a statement.

A group of cyclists were riding along a bicycle lane beside the M7 Motorway in the Sydney suburb of Quakers Hill when they heard a baby's cry coming from the drain, police said. They managed to lift the heavy

Russian tourist arrested for vandalizing Colosseum

ROME (AP)—Italian authorities say a Russian tourist has been fined 20,000 euros (\$25,000) for engraving a big letter 'K' on a wall of the Colosseum, the latest act of vandalism by tourists at the ancient structure.

The news agency ANSA reported that the 42-year-old

tourist was given a summary judgment Saturday of a fine and a suspended four-year jail sentence. He was spotted by a guard as he used a pointed stone to carve the 25-centimeter- (10-inch-) tall letter.

Union leaders, citing recent acts of vandalism, have complained about the lack of

personnel to properly monitor Rome's archaeological treasures - with increasing numbers of visitors seeking to leave their trace on antiquity, causing incalculable damage.

It was the fifth incidence of vandalism by foreign tourists at the Colosseum this year.

They did not say how long the child had likely been left there. There has been no rain in Sydney for several days, so the drains are dry. But rain is forecast for Sunday night.

Police suspect the baby was squeezed through the drain's narrow opening and dropped to the bottom.

They found the mother on

Police reached the scene soon after and rescued the child.

"It was disturbing how the child was placed in the drain," said Quakers Hill Police Inspector David Lagats, who estimated the baby was 2-3 days old.

"We all thought the worst, but the baby was still alive," he added.

The boy had no signs of physical injury, but was malnourished, Lagats said.

Health & Fitness

Report: Global obesity costs hits \$2 trillion

LONDON (AP)—The global cost of obesity has risen to \$2 trillion annually—nearly as much as smoking or the combined impact of armed violence, war and terrorism, according to a new report released Thursday.

The McKinsey Global Institute consulting firm's report focused on the economics of obesity, putting it among the

top three social programs generated by human beings. It puts its impact at 2.8 percent of global gross domestic product.

"Obesity isn't just a health issue," one of the report's authors, Richard Dobbs, said in a podcast. "But it's a major economic and business challenge."

The company says 2.1 billion people—about 30 percent of

the global population—are overweight or obese and that about 15 percent of health care costs in developed economies are driven by it.

In emerging markets, as countries get richer, the rate of obesity rises to the same level as that found in more developed countries. The report offers the stark prediction that

nearly half the world's adult population will be overweight or obese by 2030 should present trends continue.

"We are on an unfortunate trajectory," Dobbs told The Associated Press. "We have to act."

The report's authors argue that efforts to deal with obesity have been piecemeal until

now, and that a systemic response is needed.

McKinsey says there's no single or simple solution to the problem, but global disagreement on how to move forward is hurting progress. The analysis is meant to offer a starting point on the elements of a possible strategy.

"We see our work on a potential program to address obesity as the equivalent of the maps used by 16th-century navigators," McKinsey said in its report. "Some islands were missing and some continents misshapen in these maps, but they were still helpful to the sailors of that era."

Plague outbreak kills 40 people in Madagascar

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—A plague outbreak has killed 40 people on the island nation of Madagascar, with 119 people diagnosed with the bacterial disease since August.

Two people have been diagnosed and one has died in the capital, Antananarivo. The World Health Organization fears the plague outbreak may spread rapidly through Madagascar's largest and densely populated city, worsened by the country's poor health care system.

WHO said a national task

force has been set up to manage the outbreak, with the cost of the project reaching \$200,000. The international health organization said it is working with the Red Cross and Madagascar health authorities to control the disease.

The plague is a disease carried by rodents and spread by fleas. Humans are most often infected when they are bitten by fleas, causing swelling of the lymph nodes and sometimes pneumonia.

Combating the disease in

Madagascar has been made more difficult by a high level of resistance to an insecticide used to control fleas, according to WHO.

Early treatment and antibiotics have been effective in curing the disease, according to WHO.

The bubonic form of the disease, which causes swollen lymph nodes, can be treated with antibiotics. The deadlier pneumonic form, which attacks the lungs, may kill patients within 24 hours, warn health officials. Pneumonic plague is

easily spread through coughing but WHO says only two percent of cases reported in Madagascar have been from this highly infectious form of the disease.

The first case of the outbreak was found in a village in a district two hours away from Antananarivo. The man was positively diagnosed on Aug. 31 and died days later, according to WHO. Since then 16 other districts have reported cases of plague.

The plague is most famous for killing millions of people in Europe during the Middle Ages, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Plague infections still occur throughout the world, mainly in parts of Africa and Asia.

Pope meets with autistic children

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Francis tenderly embraced children with autism spectrum disorders, some of whom avoided meeting his gaze, during an audience Saturday aimed at offering solidarity to people living with the condition.

The pope urged governments and institutions to respond to the needs of people with autism to help break "the isolation and, in many cases also the stigma" associated with the disorders, which are characterized by varying levels of social impairment and communication difficulties.

"It is necessary the commitment of everyone, in order to promote encounters and solidarity, in a concrete action of support and renewed promotion of hope," the pontiff said.

After offering a prayer, Francis greeting the young children and teens with autism and their families, kissing the children and cupping their faces in his hands as he circulated the auditorium at the Vatican. Some appeared to avoid the pope's eyes, while one teen whom the pope had greeted followed the pontiff and gave him another hug from behind.

Families of children affected with autism were touched by the pope's words.

"It was an explosion of emotions," said Maria Cristina Fiordi, a mother of a child with autism. "For us, we are parents of a child affected with autism, this meeting was very important. It was as an outstretched hand through a problem that is very often not considered in the right way."



Pope Francis kisses a child as he meets with the participants at the missionary meeting of the Italian bishops' conference in the Paul VI hall at the Vatican, Saturday, Nov. 22, 2014.

Franco Di Vincenzo, another parent of a child with autism, said he took strength from the pope's call not to hide, "that we should live with this problem in serenity."

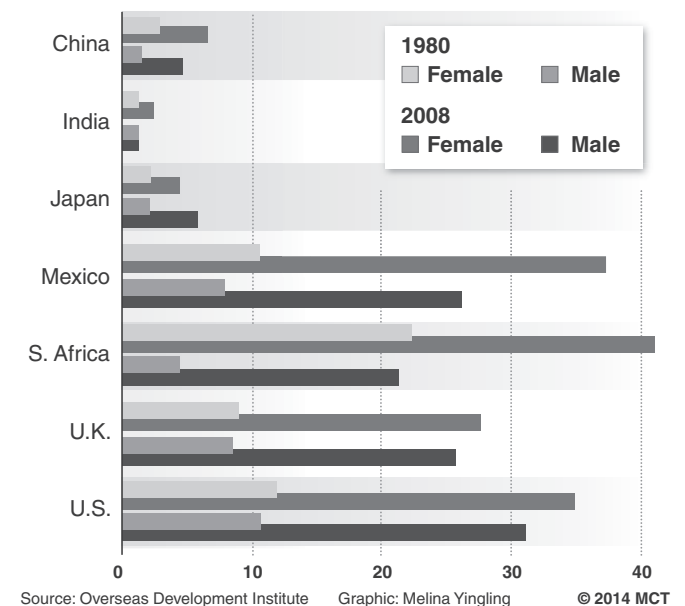
The audience was attended by some 7,000 people, including health care workers who had international conference on autism hosted by the Vatican's health care office this week.

While autism is increasingly being diagnosed in places like the United States, where about 1 in 68 children are said to be on the spectrum, it is still largely unknown and undiagnosed elsewhere, including in the Vatican's own backyard of Italy, according to Dr. Stefano Vicari, head of pediatric neuropsychiatry at the Vatican-owned Bambin Gesù hospital in Rome.

Getting larger

A new report says one in three people worldwide are now overweight, with the largest increases in developing countries.

Percentage of obese adults, by country



Personal Trainer

Good moves for walkers

Regular walkers can head off some common overuse problems with these simple exercises:

Foot roll Prevents shin pain



1 Standing with your feet almost together, roll up onto your toes, hold for 2 seconds, and roll back down.

2 Roll onto the outsides of your feet, hold for 2 seconds, and roll back down.

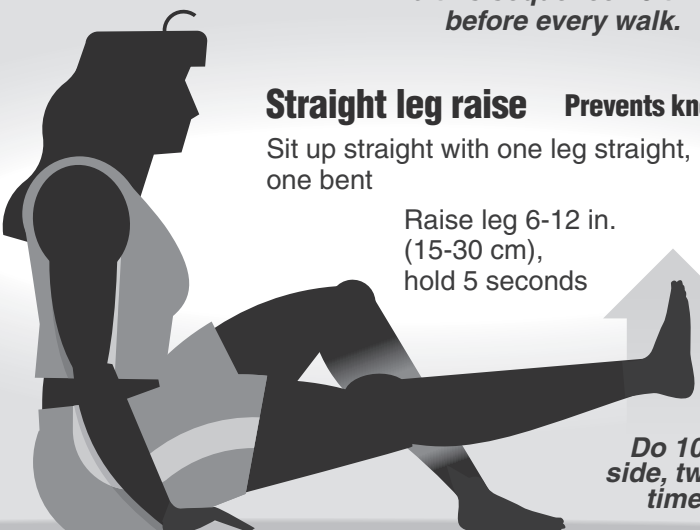


3 Next roll onto your heels with toes off the ground, hold for 2 seconds, and roll back down.

Do this sequence 10 times before every walk.

Straight leg raise Prevents knee pain

Sit up straight with one leg straight, one bent



Raise leg 6-12 in. (15-30 cm), hold 5 seconds

Flex foot, don't point toe

Do 10 on each side, two to four times a week

Source: Racewalker Mark Fenton; Michele Stanten, Prevention Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Paul Trap, Tribune News Service

Life & Style

Shifting attitudes at play in Cosby allegations

By JOCELYN NOVECK
AP NATIONAL WRITER

Tamra Wade struggled mightily over whether to go to the police more than a decade ago, when, she says, a trusted professor forced himself on her in an empty classroom. Ultimately she couldn't bring herself to do it.

But if it happened now, she says, she'd be a lot bolder—not just because she's older, but because she feels there's less of a stigma connected to being a victim of sexual assault.

And this, say advocates for sexual assault victims, may be one reason why the allegations against Bill Cosby have exploded into public consciousness now so much more than they did when they emerged a decade ago: an evolving cultural understanding of the crime of sexual assault, and increased empathy toward those claiming to be victims.

"I think our society really has changed," says Wade, a data analyst who now mentors young assault victims. "Ten years ago, it was much harder for a victim to get an audience listening to her. Now there's less of a stigma, and that gives people more confidence to come forward."

A key element in the cultural shift, say some advocates, have been a series of high-profile cases like the Penn State molestation scandal, stories of abuse in the military or the Catholic Church, and cases of date rape at university campuses. Particularly when a number of people come forward, it's harder for the public to ignore, they say.

"People may have an easy time rationalizing away only one victim, but not when there are a number of them," says

Scott Berkowitz, president of Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network in Washington, D.C.

In recent weeks, at least seven women have publicly accused the 77-year-old Cosby of sexual assault years ago. Cosby has not been charged in connection with any of the allegations. Only one woman has filed suit—Andrea Constand, who sued in 2005 and settled for an undisclosed amount before the case went to trial.

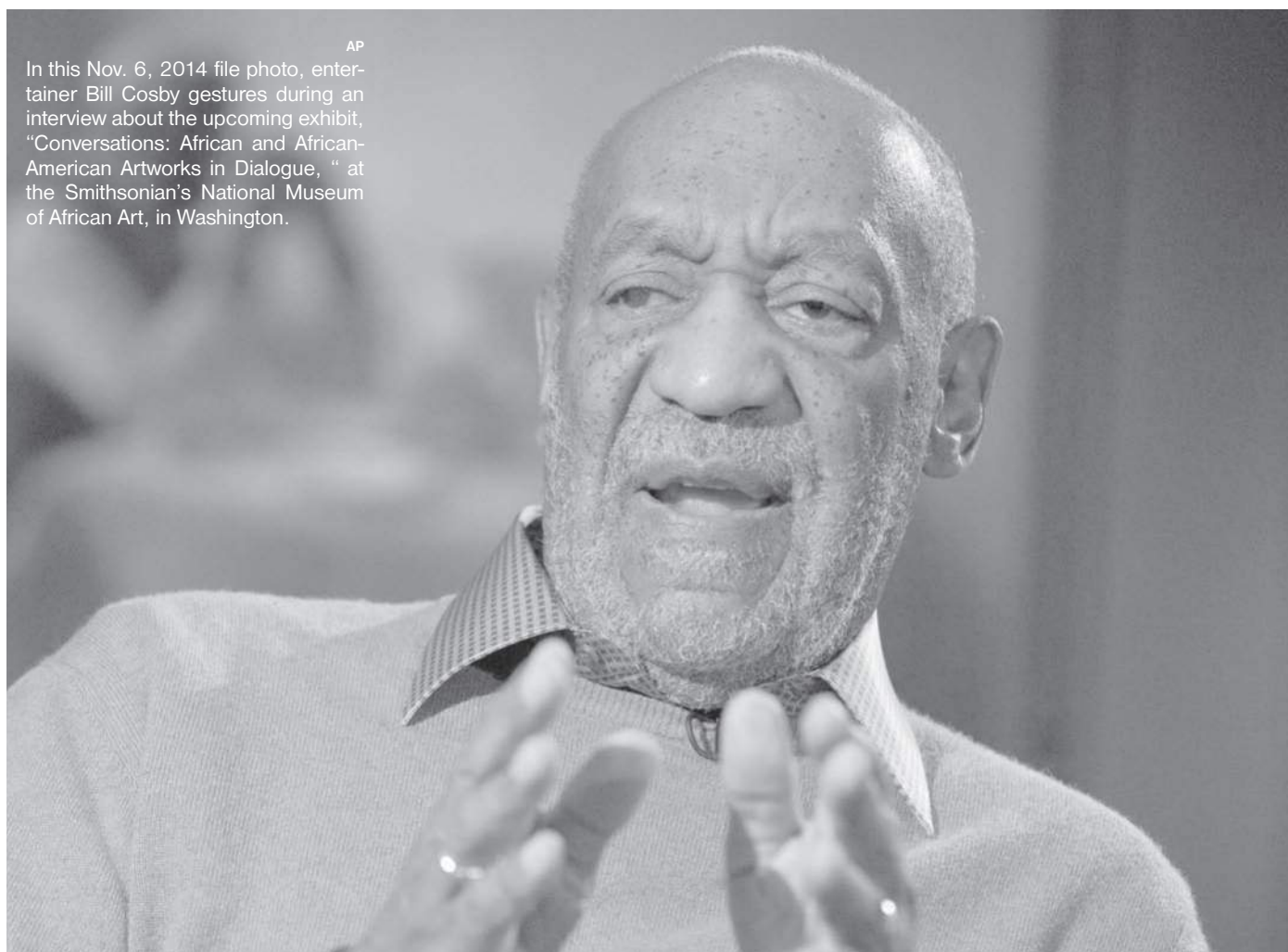
Cosby's attorney, Martin Singer, has criticized previous "decades-old discredited allegations" and denied some others. He suggested in a Friday statement that Cosby's accusers may have another agenda.

"There has never been a shortage of lawyers willing to represent people with claims against rich, powerful men, so it makes no sense that not one of these new women who just came forward for the first time now ever asserted a legal claim back at the time they allege they had been sexually assaulted."

Berkowitz, of RAINN, recalls when his organization, back in 1994, approached TV networks to air public service announcements for its sex assault hotline; they resisted, he says, fearing the mere word "rape" would lead to complaints. Finally NBC agreed, and there were no complaints, Berkowitz says—in fact, there were thank-yous. Other networks followed suit.

"In the last decade, we've all been developing a greater awareness of just how common these crimes are," says Berkowitz.

Recent media coverage of the widening allegations against Cosby led to what RAINN said was a "significant increase" in



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In this Nov. 6, 2014 file photo, entertainer Bill Cosby gestures during an interview about the upcoming exhibit, "Conversations: African and African-American Artworks in Dialogue," at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African Art, in Washington.

calls to its National Sexual Assault Hotline—something that also happened after the Penn State case. But there's been a measurable increase under way for several years, says Jen Marsh, who oversees the hotline, which includes a phone and online version.

"Our online hotline has seen a 25 percent increase every year," says Marsh, vice president of Victims Services at RAINN. "I think it has a lot to do with the dialogue happening around this issue." She, too, cites high-profile cases—like the 2012 rape scandal involving high school

football players in Steubenville, Ohio—and the fact that students on college campuses have been more vocal about their experiences. "There is definitely a sea change of sorts with these activists being very open," she says, also citing attention to the issue from Congress and from the White House, which recently launched "It's On Us," a public awareness campaign about campus sexual assault.

"The focus has been unprecedented," says Marsh. "We're seeing some overwhelming support." But at the same time, she notes, it remains exceed-

ingly difficult to report a sexual assault, "particularly if the perpetrator is well-known, or powerful, or well-liked, whether it's a principal in a local community or a famous football coach." Marsh adds that often—as has

been the case with some of the Cosby accusers—people delay reporting assaults: "They try to get on with their lives, and sometimes it's not until later that they realize they need to do something."

'Blind Massage' big Golden Horse winner in Taiwan

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—A Chinese-French film about blind masseurs and Chinese actor and director Chen Jianbin scooped the most accolades at Taiwan's 51st Golden Horse movie awards, considered the Chinese-language equivalent of the Oscars.

"Blind Massage" from Chinese director Lou Ye won six of the seven categories it had been nominated in, including best feature film, best cinematography and best sound effects. The film, adapted from a novel, centers on the lives of workers in a massage parlor in China's Nanjing city.

The other big winner on Saturday evening was Chen, 44, who won best lead actor and best new director for "A Fool"—a film about a Chinese farmer who meets a homeless man and takes him home—as well as best supporting actor for his role in Taiwanese military drama "Paradise in Service."

Also at the awards ceremony in Taipei, Ann Hui won her third Golden Horse best director award for "The Golden Era," which portrays the turbulent life

of Chinese writer Xiao Hong.

The film had been nominated in five categories. Hui said her win was a surprise and she would have preferred her actress, Tang Wei, to win in the best lead actress category.

Instead, the award went to a lesser known actress, Chen Shi-ang-chyi, for "Exit."

"I feel like I have made it, to be able to win this award for Taiwan. I love Taiwan films and I dedicated this for Taiwan," said Chen in her acceptance speech.

Chinese director Diao Yinan's "Black Coal, Thin Ice," a detective thriller set in northern China that won the Berlin International Film Festival's main Golden Bear prize this year, won the award for best art direction. It had been nominated in eight categories.

The Golden Horse film festival celebrates Chinese-language cinema, and the awards are the most prestigious in the greater China region.

A total of 38 films were nominated for 21 awards this year. There was a total of 364 entries, 100 more than last year.

Author apologizes again, calls his remark racist

NEW YORK (AP)—Daniel Handler apologized again for racial comments he made while hosting the National Book Awards and promised to back up his words with his wallet.

The best-selling author also known as "Lemony Snicket" tweeted Friday that his remarks Wednesday night, centering on a joke about black author Jacqueline Woodson being allergic to watermelon, were "monstrously inappropriate and yes, racist." Handler pledged \$10,000 to a campaign for diversity in publishing and added that for 24 hours he would match donations up to \$100,000. On Thursday, he tweeted that his humor "clearly failed."

Woodson won in the young adult category for "Brown Girl

Dreaming," a memoir in verse about growing up during the 1960s and '70s. After she accepted her prize, Handler gestured toward her and mentioned that they had spoken privately earlier and Woodson had revealed she was allergic to watermelon.

"Just let that sink in your minds," he said to mild laughter from a crowd of hundreds. "I said, 'You have to put that in a book.' And she said, 'You put that in a book.' And I said, 'I'm only writing a book about a black girl who's allergic to watermelon if you, Cornel West, Toni Morrison and Barack Obama say, 'This guy's OK.'"

Woodson, 51, is one of the country's most highly regarded



Handler

young adult writers, with her previous honors including the Margaret A. Edwards Award for lifetime achievement. "Hush," "Behind You" and "Miracle's Boys" are among her other books.

In a statement issued Friday through her publisher, Penguin Young Readers Group, Woodson did not mention Handler by name or respond directly to his remarks but said she wanted to continue in a "positive light rather than a negative one."

"This is a moment when our country can grow and learn and better understand each other," she said. "It would be nice to put the energy back where it should be—on the books and what the

books are saying and doing."

The presenter of the awards, the National Book Foundation, said in a statement that Handler's comments "were entirely inappropriate, were not authorized by the National Book Foundation" and "do not in any way represent the views of this organization." It was Handler's first time as host, with predecessors including Steve Martin, Andy Borowitz and Walter Mosley.

Diversity has been an ongoing issue in publishing, with few nonwhite publishers, editors, agents or booksellers. A recent study from a University of Wisconsin-based commission reported that just a tiny percentage of children's books in 2013 featured nonwhite characters.

Hitler watercolor sold for \$162,000 at auction



BERLIN (AP)—A watercolor of Munich's old city hall believed to have been painted by Adolf Hitler a century ago was sold for 130,000 euros (\$162,000) at an auction in Germany on Saturday.

Kathrin Weidler, director of the Weider auction house in Nuremberg, said the work attracted bidders from four continents and went to a buyer from the Middle East. She declined to elaborate.

The auction house says the painting is one some 2,000 by Hitler and is thought to be from about 1914, when he was struggling to make a living as an artist, almost two decades before rising to power as the Nazi dictator.

The painting, which had been expected to fetch at least 50,000 euros, was sold by a pair of elderly sisters whose

grandfather purchased it in 1916.

Hitler's paintings surface regularly, but the auction house said the 28-by-22 centimeter (11-by-8.5 inch) scene auctioned Saturday also includes

the original bill of sale and a signed letter from Hitler's adjutant, Albert Bormann, brother of the dictator's private secretary Martin Bormann.

From the text of the undated

Bormann letter, it appears the Nazi-era owner sent a photo of the painting to Hitler's office asking about its provenance. Bormann wrote that it appears to be "one of the works of the Fuehrer."

Billy Joel to set Madison Square Garden record

NEW YORK (AP)—Billy Joel will set a record for the most performances by any artist at Madison Square Garden with his upcoming 65th show scheduled for this summer.



Joel

The 65-year-old piano man will surpass the re-

cord set by his former tour mate Elton John with a show on July 1, which will be part of his residency at the New York venue. Tickets for the record-breaking show, as well as his performances

scheduled in May and June,

will go on sale to the general public on Saturday.

The Grammy-winning artist was announced last year as the first-ever music franchise of the Garden. The July 1 show will be the 19th performance as a part of the residency, which has included monthly concerts from the singer songwriter throughout 2014.

'Wizard of Oz' Cowardly Lion costume up for sale



AP

In this 1939 file photo originally released by Warner Bros., from left, Bert Lahr as the Cowardly Lion, Ray Bolger as the Scarecrow, Judy Garland as Dorothy, and Jack Haley as the Tin Woodman, are shown in a scene from "The Wizard of Oz."

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Bert Lahr's Cowardly Lion costume from the classic film "The Wizard of Oz" is up for sale.

The costume will be auctioned with other Hollywood items Monday in New York by Bonhams, according to a spokesman for costume owner

James Comisar.

The big cat outfit has been authenticated as the one Lahr wore in the 1939 film, according to a Bonhams' sales catalog. It is topped by a sculpted likeness of the late actor.

A secondary costume used in the film was sold at auction in re-

cent years for close to \$1 million, the owner's spokesman said.

Comisar has a trove of TV memorabilia from shows including "I Love Lucy" and "Lost." He has said he plans to use money from the Cowardly Lion costume sale to exhibit his collection.

John Stamos lights up Elvis Presley's Graceland

MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP)—Sporting Elvis Presley-like sideburns, actor John Stamos helped flip the switch on the colorful display of holiday lights adorning Graceland, Presley's home-turned-museum in Memphis.

Stamos joined hundreds of

fans who came to Graceland on Friday night to watch yellow, red and blue lights illuminate the large front yard of Presley's former home.

Stamos is best known for roles on TV shows such as "General Hospital," "Full

House" and "ER." He said after the ceremony that he shaved a beard he had been wearing but kept the sideburns for his appearance at Graceland.

Stamos has close ties to Graceland: His voice is featured on the iPad tour of the home.

Monaco to celebrate birth of its royal twins

PARIS (AP)—Prince Albert II and Princess Charlene of Monaco are expecting twins next month, and the first one born will be the prince's royal heir.

The palace of the Riviera principality advised citizens on Saturday that the big moment, expected in December, will be celebrated with church bells ringing.

The palace says there will be 21 cannon shots for each baby and bells tolling for 15 minutes, followed by boat horns.

Prince Albert told BFM-TV that the first child born will be heir to the throne—unless a boy and a girl are born, in which case the boy becomes royal heir.

Albert, 56, who has two children out of wedlock, married Charlene, a South African swimmer now 36, in 2011.



AP

Prince Albert II of Monaco with his wife Princess Charlene wave from the Monaco palace to the Monaco's national day ceremony, Wednesday Nov. 19, 2014.

Tardy worker who was fired seeks right time to explain it

DEAR ABBY: I was recently fired from my job for chronic tardiness. I have worked at this business for four years, and although I knew my lateness was seen as a problem by my boss, it was still a surprise.

Now that I'm back in the job market again, I'm wondering if I need to mention my previous tardiness on employment applications. I asked my mother, who has been privy to this whole mess. She thinks I should mention it and explain that I have learned my lesson—especially when applying to a different branch of my former company that would have direct access to my evaluations.

I think I should explain my tardiness as a "lesson learned" on job interviews when/if it comes up, not on applications where I am trying to put my best foot forward. What say you?

TARDY FOR WORK

DEAR TARDY: While I think your mother may mean well, I agree with YOU!

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DEAR ABBY: When I was little I would have given anything to have met my father at least once. Now I am 26 and have a 2-year-old boy, "Sean." I am married, but not to his father (a man I'll call Charlie).

All of a sudden, Charlie is wanting to be in Sean's life, but Sean already knows my husband as his daddy. I'm confused and afraid. What's your advice? I don't want to confuse my little boy about the man who is raising him and his biological father, but I don't want to wait 'til Sean is older and cause him pain.

MOM IN TENNESSEE

DEAR MOM: It appears that Bio-Dad is a little slow on the uptake. Now that he wants to be part of Sean's life, he should also be paying child support if he doesn't already, so discuss this with a lawyer.

Charlie should be introduced to Sean by his name for now. When the boy is old enough to understand—in a year or two—he should then be told that he has two dads and that he'll be sharing time with both of them because they both love him.

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DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been dating for a year and a half. Last Thanksgiving I invited him—and he attended—my family's get-together. Of course, I invited him again this year.

However, his rich sister and brother-in-law are treating his family to Thanksgiving dinner at a nice restaurant. I was not invited.

My feelings are hurt, but I'm not sure I'm justified in feeling that way. Should I just get over it since I'm not actually a mem-

DEAR ABBY

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ber of their family?

UNINVITED IN MISSOURI

DEAR UNINVITED: If you're smart, you'll be gracious about this. While it would have been nice if the sister had included you, you and your boyfriend are not engaged—and the sister may have wanted the dinner to be "strictly family." As the hostess, that is her privilege.

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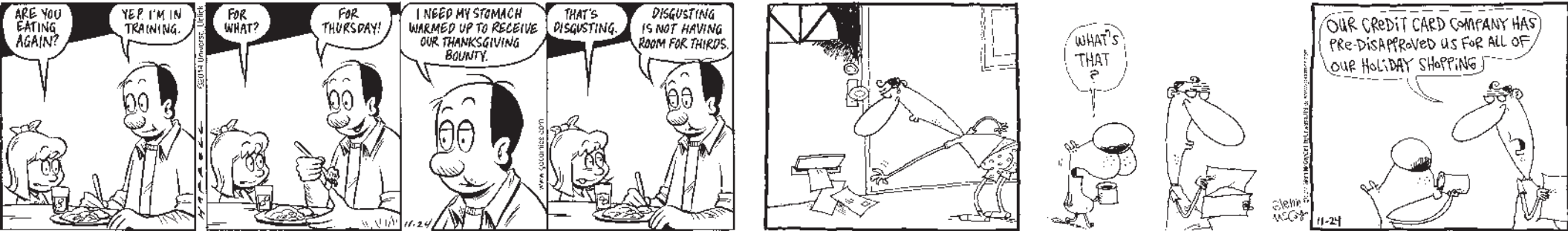


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Solution time: 26 mins.

Friday's answer 11-17

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Sarah Hyland, 24; Katherine Heigl, 36; Colin Hanks, 37; Pete Best, 73.

Happy Birthday: Plan your strategy and take action. Don't give in to shortcuts or be disillusioned by what others tell you. Stay poised to take advantage of any opportunity that may come your way. Readdress domestic issues and make whatever adjustments are necessary to ease tension and ensure your comfort and peace of mind. Romantic relationships can be started or rekindled. Your numbers are 4, 12, 22, 27, 35, 39, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A change in your legal, medical or financial status will be beneficial if you remain calm and focus on getting things done. The less time you spend pontificating, and the more time you spend taking action, the better. **

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Interesting information will develop through a conversation you have or a lecture you attend. A little knowledge can go a long way, so dig deep and discover all you can before incorporating your findings into your daily routine. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Sharing will help you keep your relationships on track. Offering unique suggestions and taking part in events or activities that you feel you have something to contribute to will encourage you to get more involved. Love is in the stars. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Put greater emphasis on partnerships. Express your concerns and plans for the future, and you will weed out the people who have no

interest in helping you reach your goals. Be careful not to fall for someone's insincere gestures. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Set aside some time to do things that will help improve your outlook, appearance or overall well-ness. Avoid anyone who brings you down or puts unrealistic demands on you. Consider alternatives and make a move. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Pick up the pace. You don't have to make drastic changes, but you can put practical plans into motion. Be a little creative, but don't feel the need to please someone who is using emotional tactics to make you feel guilty. *****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Travel to unfamiliar destinations that can offer you inspiration and get you away from any problems brewing at home. You need time to think about the changes you should make to keep personal conflicts to a minimum. Love is on the rise. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take a moment to reorganize your personal space to better fit your needs. Use your insight and strong sense of practicality to come up with a plan that is cost-efficient and will help you be more productive. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep the facts straight to help avoid someone messing with you mentally or emotionally. Get involved in a new venture that will add to your knowledge or skill set. Try to improve the way you live and be open to change. ***

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Red Sox offer Sandoval five years, \$95M



BOSTON
(AP)—Free-agent Pablo

Sandoval is reportedly fielding offers from his top remaining suitors and could be set to make a final decision before Thanksgiving.

According to Nick Cafardo of the Boston Globe, a major league source indicates the Boston Red Sox turned in their offer on Friday, setting the numbers at five years, \$95 million. To the best of everyone's knowledge, that was the highest bid on the table. At least until Saturday afternoon.

John Shea of the San Francisco Chronicle is reporting the

San Diego Padres have surprisingly topped Boston's offer, which would indicate they've surpassed \$100 million. Still, Shea believes the offer would not be enough to sway Sandoval from going to Boston, who emerged as the strong favorite this week.

In fact, on Wednesday, Dennis O'Donnell of KPIX in San Francisco put the chances of Sandoval landing in Boston at 90% after San Francisco offered five years, \$90 million. That deal is equal to the one Hunter Pence signed in September 2013, and it's reportedly in line with the offer Sandoval sought but didn't receive



AP
Boston Red Sox turned in their offer to Pablo Sandoval on Friday, setting the numbers at five years, \$95 million.

averaging at least \$19 million a year.

In Chicago, the White Sox had one of the majors' most powerful right-handed bats last season in Jose Abreu. Now they are hoping Adam LaRoche can help balance their lineup.

LaRoche has agreed to a contract with the White Sox, a person familiar with the situation said Friday night. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the team had not announced the deal with the free-agent first baseman.

USA Today first reported the move.

LaRoche is likely to see most of his time at designated hitter. Abreu is entrenched at first after the Cuban slugger hit .317 with 36 homers and 107 RBIs in 145 games, winning the AL Rookie of the Year award.

LaRoche, who turned 35 on Nov. 6, gives the White Sox some sorely needed power from the left side. He hit .259 with 26 homers and 92 RBIs in 140 games this year for NL East champion Washington. He has 243 career homers and 838 RBIs in 11 years in the majors.

But LaRoche has spent almost his entire career in the National League, save for six games for Boston in 2009. Now it looks as if he will have to make the adjustment to regular DH duties.

It was the second big addition for the White Sox this week. They bolstered their bullpen on Tuesday with a \$15 million, three-year contract for left-hander Zach Duke, who was 5-1 with a 2.45 ERA in a career-high 74 appearances this year for Milwaukee.

SIDEBAR

Manfred gets 5 years as MLB commissioner

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Praising the transition as quick and orderly, Bud Selig announced Thursday that baseball owners unanimously approved a five-year term for Rob Manfred, who will succeed the longtime commissioner early next year.

Selig spoke at the conclusion of two days of meetings in Kansas City, where owners discussed a variety of issues that included pace of play, instant replay and domestic violence initiatives.

Selig will chair his final owners' meeting in January in Arizona.

"I've been so busy and every day is so frenetic that the last month or two, I'm sure I'll spend a lot of time thinking about it," Selig said, "but you know, we are where we want to be. We're having a wonderful transition, orderly transition, good transition. That's very important."

Manfred, who has worked for MLB since 1998, was chosen to replace the 80-year-old Selig in August over Red Sox Chairman Tom Werner. He will assume office Jan. 25.

"It hits me every day when I go to work," Manfred said. "I agree with Commissioner Selig, we've had a really productive and smooth transition."

One of Manfred's mandates will be to attract young fans back to baseball, and many believe that will involve speeding up the game. The average time of a nine-inning game increased from 2 hours, 33 minutes, in 1981 to a record 3:02 this year, with postseason games stretching nearly 4 hours.

Selig appointed a committee chaired by Braves President John Schuerholz to discuss ways to improve the pace of play. Among

the ideas experimented during the Arizona Fall League were pitch clocks and requiring hitters to remain in the batter's box between pitches.

MLB can't alter the rules for 2015 without agreement from the players' association, though it can implement changes unilaterally with one year advance notice. Selig said union head Tony Clark and other representatives from the players' association provided their input.

"I want the committee to continue to do its work," Selig said. "This was very productive in terms of ideas. The experience in the Arizona Fall League made quite an impact on a lot of people."

When changes may be implemented at the major league level remains to be seen. Selig said he wants to "push them" and will have more to say on the subject in the next couple months.

Owners also spent time discussing the first season of expanded instant replay, largely considered a success after several calls were overturned during the postseason.

The system also slowed games. Given the opportunity to challenge everything from force and tag plays to fan interference and home runs, managers often stalled in the middle of the diamond while awaiting word from their dugout whether to contest a call.

"I think the core of replay will be similar," Manfred said. "I think the changes we're contemplating—without getting into them—are largely technology improvements. ... I think there are also some issues related to exactly how long it takes to get replay going."

MLB Executive Vice President Joe Torre said during a recent meeting of general man-

from San Francisco.

Of course, a lot has changed since then. What Sandoval and his agent once saw as a fair offer might be closer to a hometown discount after Sandoval once again excelled in the postseason, helping the Giants to their third World Series championship in five years. Sandoval's 26 postseason hits—including three in the Series clincher—were an MLB record. Though none of them were homers, just about all of them meant something in the Giants journey. He

also reached base safely in 16 of their 17 postseason games.

Even with a highly disappointing regular season coming before that—.279/.324/.415 with 16 homers and 73 RBIs—and weight concerns reappearing, the image of October is a difficult one to lose. An already rock solid October résumé was further cemented, so it's not surprising he's looking for more money.

That said, it appears safe to say money isn't the sole motivator here. Even with San Di-

ego reportedly going higher, finding a way to match the appeal of playing in Fenway Park is almost impossible. Playing 81 games in Petco Park just isn't a good selling point for free agent hitters.

Also worth noting, Sandoval turned down San Francisco's \$15.3 million qualifying offer. If he does sign elsewhere, the Giants will receive draft pick compensation. That's the good news for them. The better news for Sandoval, though, would be

NFL will hear Peterson's appeal Dec. 2



MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Adrian Peterson's hearing for the appeal of his sus-

pension will be held on Dec. 2. And it will not be in front of NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

The NFL announced Friday that longtime hearing officer Harold Henderson will preside over the proceedings involving the Minnesota Vikings star running back. Goodell has the authority to decide whether to hear the appeal himself or appoint someone else.

Peterson has not played since the opening week of the season while dealing with child abuse allegations in Texas. He was placed on paid leave while the legal process played out, and he

pleaded no contest on Nov. 4 to misdemeanor reckless assault for injuring his 4-year-old son with a wooden switch.

Goodell suspended Peterson earlier this week for the rest of the season and told Peterson that he will not be considered for reinstatement before April 15 for his violation of the NFL's personal conduct policy. Peterson is appealing the punishment, which the NFL Players Association called "unprecedented, arbitrary, and unlawful."

The union had been seeking a neutral arbitrator to oversee the appeal, saying the league "is making up the process and punishment as it goes."

Henderson worked for the league as chairman of its powerful Management Council's executive committee for 16

years. He also was a league vice president of labor relations.

He led the league's negotiation team, which settled several lawsuits by NFL players and ultimately entered into a new collective bargaining agreement which included expanded free agency and a salary cap. That agreement has been extended several times, most recently through 2021. He regularly deals with NFL team owners, team executives, players, players' union, player agents and attorneys on a variety of matters.

Henderson's long history of working for the league did little to assuage the union's concerns about the process.

"The NFL should stop attempting to position a former NFL executive as neutral and

independent," the union said. "It is disappointing the league office made a decision to ignore the players' request for fairness."

The NFL argued that Goodell's right to preside over appeals or choose an official has been part of the collective bargaining agreement since 1993. NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said criticism of Henderson is unwarranted given his current position as president of the NFL Player Care Foundation, which is funded jointly by the union and the league; and his experience in hearing 87 appeals, including one from receiver Brandon Marshall that ended with his three-game suspension for a domestic violence incident being reduced to one game.

Raptors win as Cavaliers' skid hits 4



CLEVELAND
(AP)—LeBron James has a blunt assessment for where the Cavaliers stand after 12 games.

"We're a very fragile team right now, we were a fragile team from the beginning," James said after Cleveland squandered an early 18-point lead and lost 110-93 to the Toronto Raptors on Saturday for its fourth straight loss. "Any little adversity hits us, we just shell up."

The Cavaliers, considered the league's best team when the season began, have been hit with plenty of adversity. Cleveland is 5-7 and there is already talk of the team playing in the dark and the players having bad body language. The Cavaliers have a day off to think about their issues before hosting Orlando on Monday.

Despite the problems, James is convinced better days are ahead.

"I'm very optimistic," he said. "I'm very positive, more positive than I thought I'd be right now. We'll look at what we did wrong, the things we did right and be ready (for Monday). It's still too early for me. ... I can't be negative at all. Once I crack, it trickles down to everybody else, I would never do that to these guys."

Lou Williams scored a career-high 36 points for Toronto, which has won four in a row and is off to its best start in franchise history at 11-2. The Raptors trailed 26-8 less than 4 minutes into the game before showing why they have the best record in the Eastern Conference.

Toronto led 56-54 at halftime and took control midway in the third quarter. The Raptors were up by as many as 19 points in the fourth.

"We knew that train would come out roaring, but we slowed them down in the second quarter," Toronto coach Dwane Casey said. "Our guys were strong enough to withstand their onslaught."

Kevin Love scored 23 points and Kyrie Irving had 21 to lead Cleveland. James, who spent the final 6:20 on the bench, finished with 15 points, 10 assists and one rebound.

In the game's final minutes, the loudest noise at Quicken Loans Arena came from several hundred fans who made the trip from Toronto and chanted, "Let's Go Raptors."

Kyle Lowry scored 23 points while DeMar DeRozan added 20 for Toronto, which led by 52 points in Friday's 124-82 win over Milwaukee.

The Cavaliers scored the game's first 12 points and raced to a 19-5 lead, forcing the Raptors to call timeout twice in the first 6 minutes. The margin reached 18 before Toronto began to cut into the lead, thanks



mostly to Williams scoring 10 points in the quarter.

Williams' 3-pointer at the second-quarter buzzer out Toronto up by two. Cleveland led 65-61 with 7 minutes remaining in the third, but DeRozan scored eight points, including a 3, while Lowry and Williams also hit 3s to help Toronto build a commanding lead.

Toronto held a 51-19 advantage in bench scoring.

Prior to the game, James was coy when asked what he can do to help the team play better. After saying he can sustain his effort for 48 minutes, he added, "I'm waiting around a little bit to see what may happen. I got a pretty good clear-cut (idea) of what I'm going to be doing going forward." Before being asked what that might be, he smiled and said, "I'm not going to tell you right now, so don't ask me." Asked about the topic again after the game, James said, "That's information for myself."

Casey is keeping the Raptors' franchise-record start in perspective. "One day you're the statue, the next day you're the pigeon," he joked. "I haven't heard one person in our locker room talk about where we are in the standings."

Knicks 91, 76ers 83

In New York, Carmelo Anthony scored 25 points and Amare Stoudemire added 16 points and 11 rebounds as the New York Knicks dropped the Philadelphia 76ers to 0-13 with a 91-83

victory on Saturday night.

Jose Calderon made his season debut for the Knicks, who had lost consecutive games but had an easy time against a team that was every bit as bad as its record for most of the game.

The 76ers are the first team to drop their first 13 games since the 2009-10 Nets lost 18 straight during the worst start in NBA history. The Sixers are nearing their franchise-worst start of 0-15 in 1972-73, when they finished 9-73 for the worst 82-game mark in league history.

Suns 106, Pacers 83

In Indianapolis, Gerald Green led all scorers with 23 points as Phoenix remained one of the hottest teams in the NBA after its road win over Indiana.

Phoenix (9-5) got its fourth straight win, all on the road during a six-game trip. The Pacers' two-game winning streak was snapped. Indiana (5-8) had won four of its previous five.

Markieff Morris added 13 for Phoenix, and Goran Dragic had 11. Isaiah Thomas pitched in with 16 points off the bench for the Suns.

Indiana was led by Rodney Stuckey, who scored 14 points. Solomon Hill scored 13 and Ian Mahinmi had 12 points and 10 rebounds after playing the final 2 1/2 quarters in place of Roy Hibbert, who left midway through the second quarter with a sprained left ankle.

Heat 99, Magic 92

In Orlando, Chris Bosh scored

14 of his season-high 32 points in the fourth quarter, leading Miami over Orlando.

Bosh's two free throws with 6:45 left pulled the Heat out of a 77-77 tie and started a 14-4 run that put them firmly in charge of their 10th straight win against their intrastate rivals.

Nic Vucevic led Orlando with 33 points and 17 rebounds.

Mario Chalmers had 24 points and eight assists for the Heat, who shot 52 percent overall and made 12 of 26 3-pointers. Rookie Shabazz Napier added 12 points.

Victor Oladipo scored 12 points for the Magic, and rookie Elfrid Payton had nine points and five steals.

Wizards 111, Bucks 100

In Milwaukee, Paul Pierce scored 25 points and John Wall added 19 points as Washington rallied in the second half to beat Milwaukee.

The Wizards, after trailing by as many as 15 in the first half, took control of the game by outscoring the Bucks 19-8 to start the fourth quarter and grabbed a 93-78 lead when Bradley Beal hit a 17-foot jumper with 7:15 remaining.

Milwaukee fought back and cut the deficit to 104-97 with 2:13 remaining on a jumper by Ersan Ilasova. But Pierce hit a 19-foot jumper as the shot clock expired to give Washington a 106-97 lead with 1:13 remaining.

Wall then stole the inbounds pass and scored on a dunk

with 1:10 remaining to put the game away.

Bradley Beal added 17 points for the Wizards, who won for the second straight night.

Brandon Knight led the Bucks with 27 points, and Giannis Antetokounmpo added 20. Milwaukee lost its second straight game and fell to 7-7 after winning three straight.

Spurs 99, Nets 87

In San Antonio, Tony Parker had 22 points as San Antonio never trailed before beating Brooklyn for its fourth straight victory.

San Antonio led by as many as 18 points in winning its 12th straight regular-season home game over the Nets.

Deron Williams had 24 points, and Mirza Teletovic had 22 for the Nets (5-8), who lost for the sixth time in seven games.

Kawhi Leonard and Danny Green each had 21 points for the defending champion Spurs (8-4).

Tim Duncan had seven points, 10 rebounds, seven assists, four blocked shots and three steals in 25 minutes. The Spurs chose to rest Duncan for the remainder of the game after the 38-year-old forward played the first 7 minutes of the second half.

Rockets 95, Mavericks 92

In Houston, James Harden scored 32 points, including five down the stretch, to help Hous-

Cleveland Cavaliers' Kyrie Irving (2) and Toronto Raptors' Kyle Lowry (7) battle for a loose ball in the first quarter of an NBA basketball game Saturday, Nov. 22, 2014, in Cleveland.

ton rally for a win over Dallas.

Houston, playing without Dwight Howard (knee injury), ended its two-game skid and snapped the Mavericks' six-game winning streak.

Dallas led by four with less than a minute remaining before Harden made two free throws. Monta Ellis missed on the other end, and Harden put Houston on top 93-92 when he made a jump shot and the ensuing free throw with 28 seconds left.

Harden stole the ball from Ellis, and Trevor Ariza made two more free throws to seal the victory.

Dallas had a chance to tie it but Dirk Nowitzki and Ellis each missed 3-pointers in the final seconds.

Kings 113, Timberwolves 101

In Minneapolis, DeMarcus Cousins had 31 points and 18 rebounds to power Sacramento to a victory over short-handed Minnesota.

Cousins hit 11 of 15 shots, and Ben McLemore had 22 points and nine rebounds to help the Kings overcome a sluggish start and improve to 8-5.

Andrew Wiggins scored a career-high 29 points and had four steals for the Timberwolves, who were missing four starters and playing the second night of a back-to-back.

The Kings outrebounded Minnesota 50-37, taking full advantage of a frontcourt missing Nikola Pekovic to injury, and Thaddeus Young after the death of his mother.

Pelicans 106, Jazz 94

In Salt Lake City, Anthony Davis had a career-high 43 points and 14 rebounds, and Jrue Holiday added 19 points and eight assists as New Orleans beat Utah.

Davis shot 16 for 23 from the field to help the Pelicans earn a split of their four-game western road trip.

Gordon Hayward scored 31 points and Trey Burke had a season-high 20 for the Jazz.

Utah cut a 19-point third-quarter deficit to 77-72 by the end of the period as Hayward made four free throws over a 20-second span.

However, Holiday had a 3-pointer, and Davis had a dunk as the Pelicans used a 10-2 run to take a 13-point lead with 9:28 remaining. Utah closed within single digits one more time, pulling to 99-90 on Burke's jumper with 3:08 left.

Rivers and Holiday drove for back-to-back layups to put the game out of reach.

Two-way tie for Rocball league lead

After two rounds of games in the Rocball League, Benchwarmers and Local Motion are locked in a tie for the lead with their identical 2-0 records.

Teams G.V.D (Got Very Determined), Veterans, Teachers, Oba Squirt, Mix, and B.I.O. (Bring It On) are in second place with similar 1-1 slates, while Team Nameless is at the bottom of the team standings with its 0-2 card.

Toby Castro of team G.V.D. was the league's heavy hitter after two rounds of games. Toby has scored eight times in three different types of multiple point plays. He gained five 2-point aces, three 2-point xunks, and one 3-point goal.

In the "Game of the Week," the Veterans and Oba Squirt scored 21 multiple points plays. As a team, the Veterans dominated the multiple point scoring plays with 10 aces, 4 kees, and 2 goals. The heavy hitter of this game was Mitcaf

Tipingeni who registered 4 aces, 2 kees, and 1 goal.

Rocball games are played in four sets. A team can win a game after four sets if it had the lead in points (total) and

also won the fourth set. If the leading team lost the fourth set, the game goes in overtime with the trailing squad needing to win twice and the former only once. (*Saipan Tribune*)



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Mix players pose for a photo after the second round games in the Rocball league at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

PACQUIAO

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fight him next year."

Pacquiao was playing off a new commercial where he celebrates after thinking Mayweather has agreed to the match. But he might have boosted his stock enough to entice Mayweather into the ring finally.

"I really want that fight," Pacquiao said. "The fans deserve that fight."

Pacquiao got the big knockdowns he was looking for, battering Algieri around the ring at will Sunday in a lopsided welterweight title fight.

Pacquiao chased Algieri from the opening bell, knocking him down repeatedly and dominating. About the only thing Pac-

quiao didn't get was his first knockout in five years, settling instead for a lopsided 12-round unanimous decision against an opponent who seemed unwilling to engage.

By the time it was over, Algieri had gone down six times. And Pacquiao had dispelled notions he might be on the decline.

"It's not just his hand speed," Algieri said. "He's a great fighter. He does everything well. Manny has perfected his style of boxing."

Pacquiao prayed in his corner while waiting for the decision. But it was Algieri who never had a prayer.

Pacquiao knocked Algieri down once in the second round, two more times in the sixth and twice more in the ninth. After

a final knockdown in the 10th round, he seemed to back off in a fight that had long been decided.

Two ringside judges scored the bout 119-103 while the third had it 120-102. The Associated Press had Pacquiao winning 120-102.

Pacquiao went into the fight saying he needed a power win to entice Mayweather to fight him. He vowed to put on a performance like some of his earlier fights and did, never letting Algieri get close.

Some of the sold out crowd of 13,202 at the Venetian Macau may have wondered whether Algieri deserved this fight, as he spent more time trying to stay away from Pacquiao than trading punches.

But while Algieri could run,

Roach looks forward to Pacquiao-Mayweather bout



MACAU—Freddie Roach has spent the better part of the

latter three months preparing Manny Pacquiao to face Chris Algieri. But Roach also reserved a bit of that time to watch some video of Floyd Mayweather Jr.

Roach said not long after Pacquiao's dominant victory over Algieri Saturday before 13,202 fans at Cotai Arena that he is at least guardedly optimistic a bout with Mayweather, the pound-for-pound king, may occur next year.

Roach said he facilitated a summer meeting at Arum's Beverly Hills, Calif., home between the veteran promoter and Leslie Moonves, the chairman of CBS Corp., in the hopes of them arranging a fight between Pacquiao

and Mayweather. Roach said Moonves was angry at Arum because Arum had promised Moonves that Pacquiao would fight three times on Showtime and he only fought once.

But Roach said he maneuvered to get the men together and talking.

Asked to rate his level of optimism, Roach smiled and said, "I'm watching the tape again"

There is a long way to go between talks in the summer and the fight boxing fans have been desperate to see since 2010, but at least it's a step in the right direction.

Pacquiao said he's down for it.

"It's time to step up and say yes," Pacquiao said.

Meanwhile, Roach said before the fight that he had Pacquiao drill on the heavy bag in order to increase his power.

It apparently worked, though at least one of the knockdowns referee Geno Rodriguez called appeared to be a slip.

But the focus post-fight was, as always with Pacquiao, on Mayweather. And Pacquiao, who has a commercial about Foot Locker that just was released that pokes fun at the fight the Mayweather bout hasn't happened, left no doubt about his interest in facing the world's best pound-for-pound boxer.

"I really want that fight," he said. "The fans deserve that fight."

The fans deserved a better fight than they paid for on Saturday, but at least Pacquiao was the aggressive, attacking fighter of old.

Six knockdowns wasn't a bad night's work; it just would have been more impressive if the opponent wasn't just in safety-first mode.

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earn the top seeding in the final tournament, collected its fifth straight title.

The Lady Dolphins, who drew a bye in the final tournament, scored an easy 27-4 decision against Tinian in their first game and earned the first championship berth after a 53-32 thrashing of the Mt. Carmel Lady Knights in the winners bracket semifinals.

The Lady Knights then bounced back from the loss by crushing MHS 9 in the losers bracket semis, 62-20, to arrange a title showdown with the defending champions.

In the finals, there was a close battle in the first quarter as both teams played tentative as if sizing each other up. The Lady Dolphins went on to take a manageable 4-point lead after the first 10 minutes of play.

A Julie Reyes basket then ignited an 8-2 spurt early in the second quarter and gave the Lady Dolphins their first taste of several double-digit advantages, 22-12.

MCS trimmed the deficit to single digit, 24-16, midway in the second period, but a Kyla Ito 3-pointer touched off a closing 11-5 exchange to give MHS a 37-21 halftime spread. The Lady Dolphins outscored the Lady Knights in the second quarter, 23-11, to end the half with a promising 16-point lead.

It was cruise control for MHS the rest of the game as it found ways to quash every MCS comeback attempt. A Gabrielle Race layup gave the Lady Dolphins their biggest lead at 71-54 with 3:57 left in the game clock.

Despite trailing by a big margin with the clock ticking, the Lady Knights refused to go down that easily with Jennifer Villagomez, Jan-nasia Travilla and Tawnie Manibusan burying one 3-pointer each in an 11-2 exchange as MCS threatened for the last time, 75-65, 1:48.

Mt. Carmel, with MHS committing back-to-back turnovers, had several chances of inching closer but Manibusan, Travilla and Villagomez's en-

suing 3-point attempts failed to hit their marks, while Patricia Echavez's dagger 3-pointer in the 50.3-second mark seal the deal for the Lady Dolphins.

MHS just ran up the clock in their next ball possessions, while MCS continued to miss their shots. A Travilla steal and layup pegged the final tally.

Ito paced the Lady Dolphins with her 15 points while Race, Jenny Lee, Mikayla Lopez, and Neghar Rastguay chipped in 10 markers each. Abantao and Joy Pena scored 8 apiece, while Reyes tallied 7.

Mt. Carmel's loss put to waste Travilla's 30-point output, while Karleen Reyes scattered 20 markers and Manibusan had 10. Jennifer Villagomez and Masami Sato were the other scorers for the Lady Knights with 5 and 2 points, respectively.

MHS 78—Ito 15, Lee 10, Lopez 10, Race 10, Rastguay 10, Abantao 8, Pena 8, Reyes 7.

MCS 67—Travilla 30, Reyes 20, Manibusan 10, Villagomez 5, Sato 2.

Scoring by quarters: 14-10, 37-21, 53-48, 78-67.

he couldn't hide. Pacquiao caught him repeatedly with power punches and dropped him as he tried to back away.

"The master boxer was given a master class by professor Pacquiao tonight," trainer Freddie Roach said. "I was disappointed in Algieri's performance tonight. All he did was run."

Pacquiao's second fight in China was held at midday to accommodate the pay-per-view sales in the U.S., but the time of day didn't matter much to the Filipino fans who cheered on their 35-year-old national hero.

Pacquiao knocked Algieri down in the corner in the second round, though Algieri claimed it was a slip. He easily fought his way through Algieri's tentative defense, landing punches on the inside and piling up points.

Algieri came into the fight with a reputation for his jab, but he refused to commit to it early and simply pawed at Pacquiao

with his left hand. Still, Algieri's corner somehow thought he was carrying out the game plan just the way they had drawn it up.

"You're doing beautiful man," trainer Tim Lane told his fighter after the third round. "Everything stays the same. Keep it up."

By the end of the fourth round, Pacquiao had already thrown more than 100 more punches than Algieri. And Algieri rarely stopped to set his feet to punch, and kept trying to run away from the champion's punching power.

Unfortunately for Algieri, things then went from bad to worse. Pacquiao caught him with a big left hand that sent Algieri sprawling on the canvas in the sixth round, almost turning a reverse somersault before finally landing in the corner.

Pacquiao was right back on him, and Algieri went down again late in the round as he tried desperately to survive.

Still, Algieri's corner urged

him to continue to do what he was doing, long after he needed a knockout to win.

"This is the way we want to be," Lane told him. "This is what you wanted"

Algieri was an unlikely opponent despite being unbeaten in 20 fights after ending a kick boxing career to concentrate on boxing. He got the bout after being knocked down twice in the first round in his June fight with Ruslan Provodnikov and coming back to win a 12-round decision, and was supremely confident in the weeks before the fight that he would beat Pacquiao, too.

Odds makers made him a 7-1 underdog against the Filipino great, who came into determined to show he still had his punching power.

The bout was for a piece of the welterweight title held by Pacquiao, though it was fought at a catch weight of 144 pounds instead of 147.

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Team Guahan scored after that and added another touchdown on an Andy Fernandez interception.

That proved to be the final tally, as Guahan's defense held its ground against the Sharks' numerous attempts to score.

After the match, Phillips, in an interview with Saipa Tribune, said Guam always loves to visit the CNMI and looks forward to playing in a friendly match.

"It's always nice to come back here on Saipan, spread the sport of football, and share it with our brothers up North. Great turnout and thanks to everyone who came out to support both teams," said Phillips. "It's my first time back here in many years. The last time I played here was in a youth friendly match."

Phillips said both squads showed their competitive

spirit and enjoyed the annual friendly game.

"Both teams are very competitive. The CNMI has a very good team here. They have good plays and very good technique. They fought very hard. They will get only better and I look forward to playing against them either when we visit them again or host them next year."

Meanwhile, Commonwealth Football League Association official John Blanco said that though the breaks of the game did not go the Sharks way, he was still pleased with the outcome despite losing again to Team Guahan.

"First, we would like to thank Garth Backe, he put together our offense. There were a few things that happened today that did not go our way. Sometimes we don't get the breaks that we need but we will learn from this and we have nowhere to go but up. The non-fumble call changed the momentum of the game, it is hard to

discount that."

"Overall, we played good. Guam saw that we've improved and the fans also saw it. It is a very good improvement on our part and we plan to keep this team intact and we hope to add a lot of younger guys as next year will be the last hurrah for some of the veterans," added Blanco.

The CFL official also called on the players to come to practice sessions frequently.

"We just need to get a commitment from the other guys to come to practice more often. We look forward to hosting them again next year as coach Angel Calugay said that they are going here again," said Blanco.

"But first we will honor our commitment to have our youth league champion go to Guam in January to play against their squad. We will also have friendly matches against the Philippines, Japan, Korea, and hopefully Australia," he added.

MP United U18 returns to Challenge Cup finals

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MP United FC U18 squad

marched into the finals of the 2014 FA Youth Challenge Cup after demolishing Matansa FC U18, 8-0, in last Saturday's semifinal game at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

It will be MP United's fourth straight finals appearance in the annual competition and the club will be gunning for an unprecedented fourth consecutive championship against the winner of the other semis match between MP United U15 and Tan Holdings FC U19. The Norman Del Rosario-coached MP United U18 started its string of title wins in the Challenge Cup in 2011 when it beat sister squad MP United U15, while the two other victories were at the hands of Paire U18 and Tan Holdings U18.

Jirehn Yobech and Tanapon Unsa powered MP United to its fourth successive finals trip after scoring two goals each in last weekend's semis tiff. Unsa broke the ice for MP United, scoring in the 11th minute and he also nailed the team's last goal (78th). Yobech goals were both recorded in the second half with his first one registered in the 56th and the second 10 minutes later.

Four other MP United U18



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
MP United FC U18's Jehn Joyner kicks the ball with ease as he is left unguarded with two Matansa FC U18 players stepping in late for defense during the second half of their game in the 2014 FA Challenge Cup last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

players backed up Unsa and Yobech with Namki Kim canning the team's second goal in the 22nd minute for their 2-0 halftime edge. MP United then blew the game wide open in the second half with Greg Sablan hitting the board in the 49th minute, Jehn Joyner gaining his lone goal in the 58th, and Chris Park scoring in the 70th.

The game against the hapless Matansa FC U18 was MP United U18's first in the Challenge Cup. The first finalist drew a bye in the first round after ruling the U18 division, while

Matansa had to face Tan Holdings U15 to set up a semis date against MP United U18.

Matansa advanced after a 7-1 triumph over Tan Holdings U15 last Tuesday, also at the Oleai pitch.

Ryu Tanzawa lifted Matansa to the easy win, making a hat-trick with his goals in the fifth, 12th, and 15th minute. Matansa went up, 6-0, at halftime, as Terrence Evan Belcher, Joshua De Leon, and Carlson Cruzat also found their targets in the first half, scoring in the 10th, 24th, and 39th minute, respective-

ly. Corbin Ray Rife drilled Matansa's lone goal in the second half with his conversion five minutes before the match wrapped up. Tan Holdings, on the other hand, drew its only goal from Jonathan Capayas under the last one minute mark of the game.

Matansa U18, Tan Holdings U15, and MP United U18 are on the west side of the draw, while Tan Holdings U19, Paire U18, and MP United U15 are on the eastern bracket. Results of the matches on the east group will be reported in *Saipan Tribune's* Tuesday edition.

Hustlers, Magic 8 Ball clash for Thursday billiards title

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The Route33 Armatech Hustlers and the Smoke Pub Magic 8 Ball chalked up the most number of wins to clinch the first two finals berth in the Budweiser Open 8-Ball Thursday League.

The Hustlers and the Magic 8 Ball scored contrasting 9-6 wins over the Poseidon Titans and

Wild Bills, respectively, in the final elimination round match to end up 1-2 in the standings.

Route33 had the best record at 126-84, followed closely by the Smoke Pub-backed squad's 125-85. The Hustlers will host the Magic 8 Ball in the finals set for Dec. 3.

The Titans, in their match against the Hustlers, nearly scored an upset as they enjoyed a 5-3 advantage after the first singles of the second set of 5 singles matches.

Randy Sablan tripped Senen Pangilinan to give Poseidon the lead, but the Titans floundered down the stretch as the Hustlers won six of the last seven matches.

Smoke Pub had a different result, as it won its match up against Wild Bills after the final match of the second set of Singles 8 Ball games.

Holding on to a 7-4 edge, Rod del Dela Cruz defeated Warlee Ellama to seal the win. Wild Bills won two of the last three matches for the final tally.

All 15 games—two sets of five games in the singles and five doubles—must be played since each win counts on the 8-team standings.

The Jokers Homboyz (122-88) and Wild Bills (111-99) will clash for the third place honors.

In other Thursday league results, the Homeboyz scored an easy 13-2 victory over the lowly Barcode Breakers (69-141), while National Alamo Car Rental (109-101) escaped with an 8-7 decision against Jonny's Team SCS (70-140).

In the Tuesday league, the Saipan TV Hustlers remained on top of the heap with a 143-67 record after winning by default against the Smoke Pub Lancheras, 15-0.

The Jokers IT&E Voyagers are in second place at 135-75 following a 13-2 thrashing of Smoke Pub Sang&D'Gang, while the Str8 Shooters, also backed by Jokers, breezed to a 12-3 win over Jonny's Crazy 8. The Str8 Shooters are still in contention for the second finals berth, as they trail sister team Voyagers by only one win, 134-76.

The final elimination round matches will be played tomorrow with the Str8 Shooters visiting the Hustlers, the Voyagers taking on the Lancheras, and the Crazy 8 battling the Sang&D'Gang.

60 register for Week 1 of Tan Holdings Classic

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Around 60 players will be seeing action in the opening week of the 6th Tan Holdings Tennis Classic, beginning this Friday.

Tournament coordinator Lydia Tan, in a telephone interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, said about 60 made it to last Friday's

deadline and they will be competing in the singles and doubles U10, U12, U14, U16, and U18 divisions. Besides the juniors singles and doubles, there will also be a separate competition for mini tennis (beginners). Games will be played at the Pacific Islands Club, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Hyatt Regency Saipan, and Kanoa Resort tennis courts.

Week 1 of the annual event will all feature Saipan players, while several Guam players will participate in the final week of the tournament, which will feature the adult singles, doubles, and mixed doubles matches. Deadline for submission of entries for Week 2 is set for Nov. 28.

Week 2 games will run from Dec. 4 to 7, while the opening week will have matches from Nov. 28 to 30.

The players to watch in the opening week are defending champions Amami Sakano (U18), Michael Ren (U14), Robbie Schorr (U12), and Sean Lee in the boys division and the girls category's Julia Ishikawa (U14), Malika Miyawaki (U12), and Hana Ojima (U10). Thea Minor was last year's champion in the girls U18, but will no longer compete this season, leaving Mikayla Lopez, Negahr Rastguir, Alina Ishikawa, and the favorite Carol Lee to battle for the division tiara.

Meanwhile, this year's Tan Holdings Tennis Classic are supported by Fiesta Resort, PIC, Hyatt, Kanoa, Quality Distributors, Take Care, Gatorade/Pacific Trading Company, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Hertz Rent A Car, Shirley's Coffee Shop, AON, IT&E, Pepsi, AMS Typhoon Shutters, Heineken, First Hawaiian Bank, Delta Air Lines, HomeMart, and Kwong Hwa Department Store.



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Julia Ishikawa makes a baseline return to Ami Tsukagoshi during their game in the U14 singles of the 2013 Tan Holdings Tennis Classic at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan tennis courts.



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Armteck Hustlers and Smoke Pub Magic 8 Ball players pose for a photo in an earlier game in the Budweiser Open 8-Ball Thursday League.



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Pacquiao knocks Algieri down 6 times, dominates

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MACAU (AP)—Manny Pacquiao couldn't resist having a little fun after getting the signature win he desperately needed for the fight boxing fans desperately want to see.

No reason not to enjoy himself after sending Chris Algieri to the canvas six times Sunday night in a performance that will once again heat up talk of a fight with Floyd Mayweather Jr.

"He's going to fight me? Yes! Yes!" Pacquiao said, jumping up and down in the ring Sunday after tearing apart a reluctant Algieri on his way to a lopsided decision win. "I am ready to

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AP
WBO welterweight champion Manny Pacquiao, right, of the Philippines lands a right on the face of WBO junior welterweight champion Chris Algieri of the United States during their welterweight boxing title fight at the Venetian Macao in Macao, Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014.



MHS wins 5th straight cage crown

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Marianas High School used a balanced offensive attack in completing a 78-67 drubbing of Mt. Carmel School in the finals of the 2014 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Girls Basketball League last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

MHS, which swept its way in the elimination round to

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JON PEREZ
Marianas High School Lady Dolphins players, coach, and supporters pose for a group photo after winning their fifth straight title in the Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Girls Basketball League. MHS beat Mt. Carmel School in the finals, 78-67, last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



Vastly-improved NMI bows to Guam

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Steven Phillips and Corey Chinn combined for six touchdowns

JON PEREZ
Guam's Candico Taman, left, tries to pull CNMI Sharks' Kelvin Fital away from Ibrahim Mansaray in their friendly match last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.



as Team Guahan completed a 37-14 win over the CNMI Sharks in the 2014 Marianas Bowl friendly match last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.

The result was a big improvement from last year's 20-0 humbling the home squad suffered against their

Southern neighbors.

Guam led from the start and enjoyed a 19-6 lead at the turn after dominating most of the first half.

The Sharks moved within five after quarterback Jerome Norita's touchdown. They later converted the extra point for a 19-14 count.

Team CNMI could have either tied or grabbed the lead

after June Failauga forced the fumble with Derrick Rangamar picking up the ball and running towards the end zone. However, with Rangamar just a few yards away of scoring another touchdown, officials halted the play and ruled out that there's no fumble in Guam's play and instead the pass was incomplete.

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